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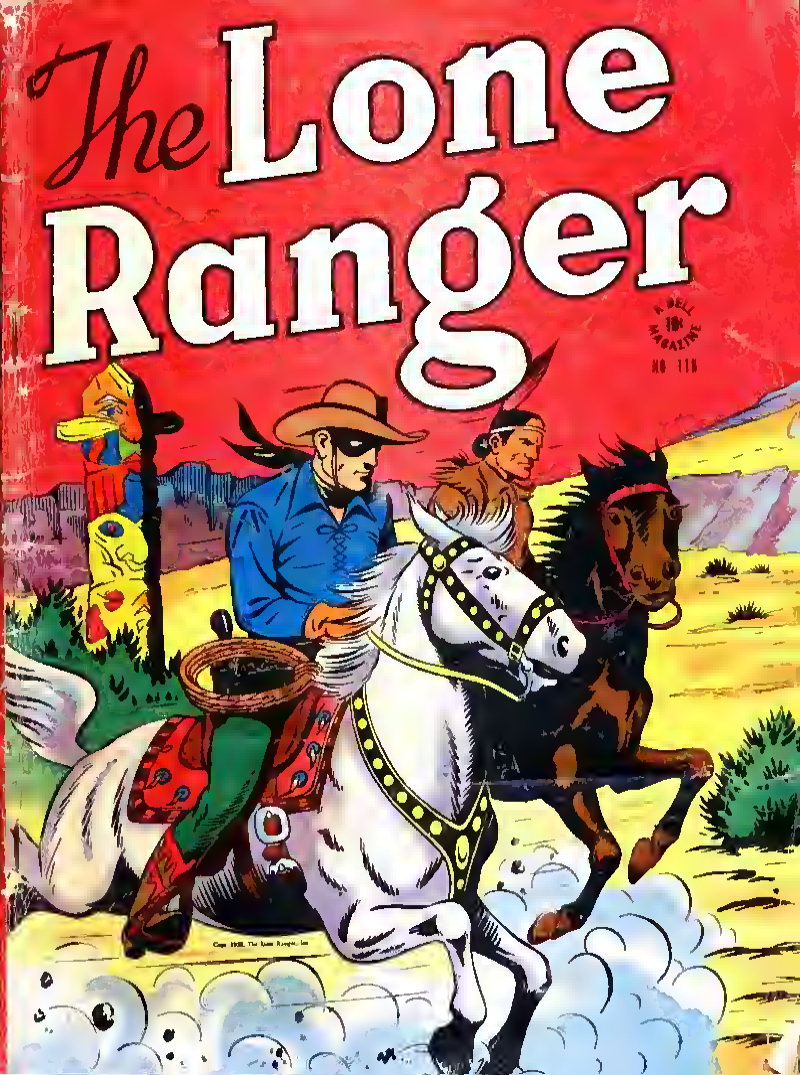

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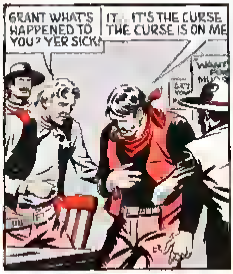
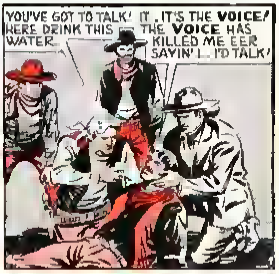
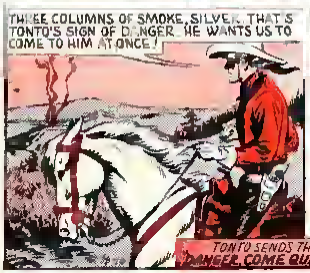
PINE RIDGE IS GRIPPED BY ONE OF THE MOST BAFFLING MYSTERIES THE WEST HAS EVER KNOWN. CRIME STRIKES WHERE LEAST EXPECTED AND ALL MEN MOVE IN FEAR OF THEIR VERY LIVES.







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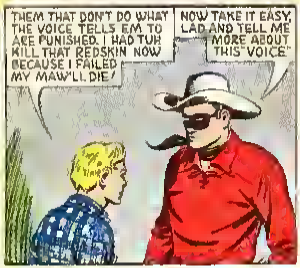
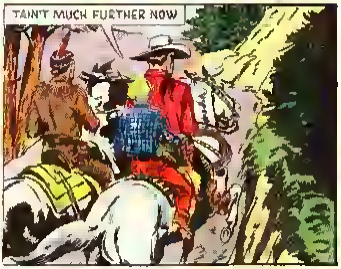
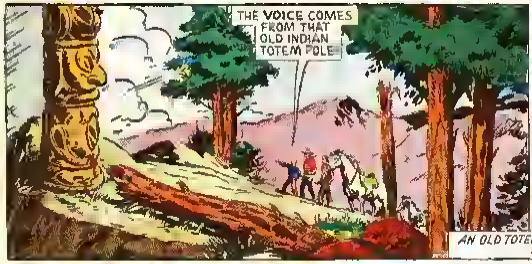


DIRECTED BY THE BOY WHO TRIED TO KILL TONTO THE LONE RANGER GUIDES SILVER UP A NARROW TRAIL TOWARD THE CRAGGY TOP OF THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE REGION



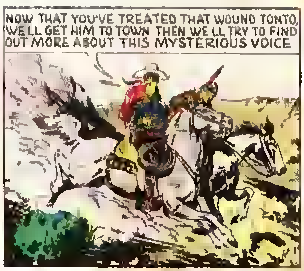


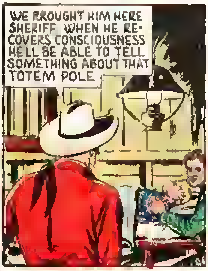
AN OLD TOTEM POLE STANDS OUT IN BOLD RELIEF AGAINST THE DARK SKY

AS THE VOICE SPEAKS, SOMETHING SUDDENLY STRIKES YOUNG BENTON.

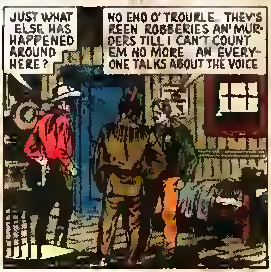

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? HE SUDDENLY THREW UP HIS ARMS AN THEN HE FAINTED!
HIM NOT DEAD

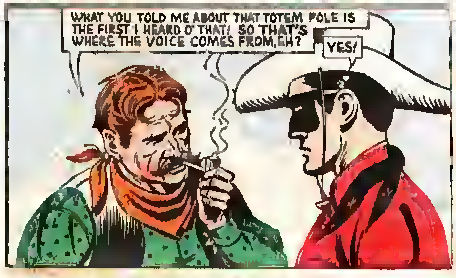

THAT'S THE ANSWER! THAT THORN! IT MUST BE POISONED
TONTO FIX! TREAT-UM LIKE SNAKE-BITE!

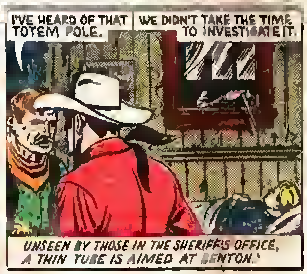

NOW THAT YOU'VE TREATED THAT WOUND TONTO, WE'LL GET HIM TO TOWN THEN WE'LL TRY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS MYSTERIOUS VOICE


WE BROUGHT HIM HERE SHERIFF WHEN HE RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS HE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL SOMETHING ABOUT THAT TOTEM POLE.


HE WAS STRUCK BY A THORN THAT SEEMED TO BE POISONED I THINK HE'LL RECOVER SHERIFF
HE BETTER, OR I'LL CHARGE YOU WITH HIS MURDER


JUST WHAT ELSE HAS HAPPENED AROUND HERE?
NO END O' TROUBLE. THEY'S BEEN ROBBERIES AN' MURDERS TILL I CAN'T COUNT EM NO MORE AN EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE VOICE


WHAT YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THAT TOTEM POLE IS THE FIRST I HEARD O' THAT! SO THAT'S WHERE THE VOICE COMES FROM, EH?
YES!


I'VE HEARD OF THAT TOTEM POLE.
WE DIDN'T TAKE THE TIME TO INVESTIGATE IT.
UNSEEN BY THOSE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, A THIN TUBE IS AIMED AT BENTON.


LOOK!


OUTSIDE, TONTO! GET AFTER HIM!
GUNS BARK BUT ANOTHER POISONED THORN HAS ALREADY BEEN FIRED TOWARD BENTON.


THERE HE GOES, TONTO! THAT'S THE MAN WE WANT! HERE, SILVER!
JAIL

THE LONE RANGER RIDES LIKE THE WIND TO OVERTAKE THE MAN WHO BLEW A POISONED DART INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

HI-YO, SILVER!

DART NEVER TOUCH-UM SKIN.

BENTON'S LUCKY! IF HE HADN'T HAD THIS NOTE-BOOK IN HIS POCKET, HE'D O' GOT THAT DART RIGHT IN THE HEART!

NO USE ME TRYIN' TUH OUTRUN YOU, MISTER. I SURRENDER. I HAD TUH BLOW THAT DART AT THE KID.

DON'T MAKE A BREAK TO ESCAPE OR I'LL HAVE TO SHOOT YOU, WADE.

IT DON'T MATTER MUCH. IF I KILT THE BENTON KID, I'LL HANG. IF I DIDN'T THE VOICE'LL SEE THAT I DIE, ANYHOW.

ONE OF YOUR OWN DEPUTIES BLEW THAT DART AT BENTON!

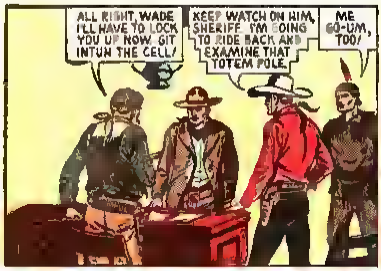
WADE! YOU? YER LUCKY IF THE DART HADN'T BEEN STOPPED BY A NOTEBOOK IN BENTON'S SHIRT POCKET. HE'D O' BEEN DEAD BY NOW. SIT DOWN THERE!

WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY FOR YOURSELF, WADE?

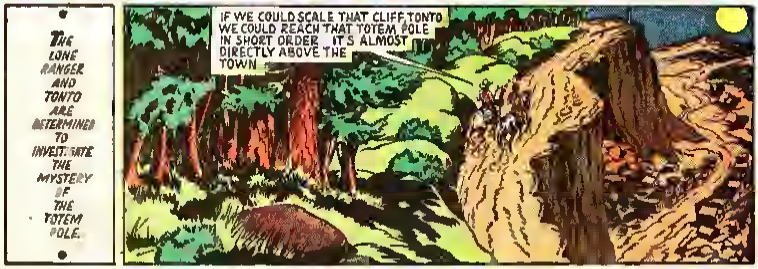
I MAY'S WELL TALK. I'LL LIKELY BE MARKED TUH DIE, ANYHOW.

THE VOICE COMMANDS SOME FOLKS TUH BURY EASH NEAR THE TOTEM POLE. OTHERS ARE ORDERED TUH MURDER CERTAIN PEOPLE. THEM THAT DON'T OBEY, DIE MIGHTY SUDDEN.

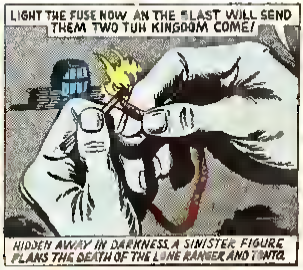
FOLKS GIT NOTES LIKE THIS ONE I FOUND IN MY SHACK. IT'S FROM THE SPIRIT OF THE TOTEM POLE AN' TELLS ME TO USE THE POISONED DART IN THE BLOWGUN FER ANYONE THAT'S LIKELY TO TALK. THE BLOW-GUN AN' POISONED DART WAS WITH THAT NOTE.


ALL RIGHT, WADE I'LL HAVE TO LOCK YOU UP NOW. GIT INTUH THE CELL!
KEEP WATCH ON HIM, SHERIFF. I'M GOING TO RIDE BACK AND EXAMINE THAT TOTEM POLE.
ME GO-UM, TOO!


SHERIFF, DON'T LET 'EM GO! IT'S SUICIDE FER THEM! THEY WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TUH SEE ANOTHER SUN-UP IF THEY TRY AN FIGHT THAT SPIRIT!
WE DON'T BELIEVE IN SPIRITS! COME ON, TONTO

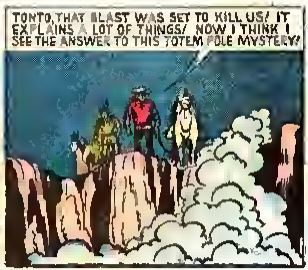

THE LONE RANGER AND TONTO ARE DETERMINED TO INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERY OF THE TOTEM POLE.
IF WE COULD SCALE THAT CLIFF, TONTO WE COULD REACH THAT TOTEM POLE IN SHORT ORDER. IT'S ALMOST DIRECTLY ABOVE THE TOWN.

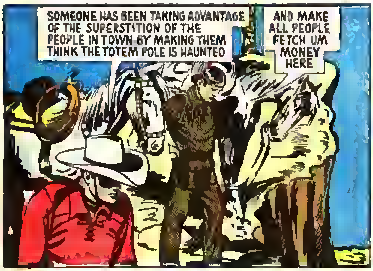

THE SHERIFF CAN TAKE CARE OF YOUNG BENTON. REST IS ALL HE NEEDS NOW.


LIGHT THE FUSE NOW. AN THE BLAST WILL SEND THEM TWO TUH KINGDOM COME!
HIDDEN AWAY IN DARKNESS, A SINISTER FIGURE PLANS THE DEATH OF THE LONE RANGER AND TONTO.


BOOM!
THE BLAST SHAKES THE CLIFF AND A LARGE SECTION BREAKS AWAY


THIS WAY SILVER! STEADY BOY!


TONTO, THAT BLAST WAS SET TO KILL US! IT EXPLAINS A LOT OF THINGS! NOW I THINK I SEE THE ANSWER TO THIS TOTEM POLE MYSTERY!

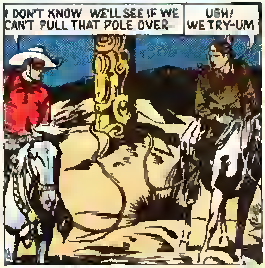

SOMEONE HAS BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SUPERSTITION OF THE PEOPLE IN TOWN BY MAKING THEM THINK THE TOTEM POLE IS HAUNTED
AND MAKE ALL PEOPLE FETCH UM MONEY HERE


THE CRIMINAL ALREADY HAS MURDERED GRANT AND TRIED TO KILL YOUNG BENTON HE SENT THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY TO TRY AND FINISH BENTON
THEN HIM TRY TO GET-UM US?


ONLY A COUPLE OF PEOPLE KNEW WE WERE COMING HERE, TONTO THAT NARROWS DOWN THE SUSPECTS TIE THE OTHER END OF THIS ROPE TO YOUR SADDLE!


WHAT DO-UM NOW?
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THAT TOTEM POLE!


WE KNOW ONE THING, TONTO! SOME WHITE MAN IS SPEAKING TO PEOPLE, GIVING THEM ORDERS FROM INSIDE THAT TOTEM POLE
HOW HIM GET-UM IN THERE?

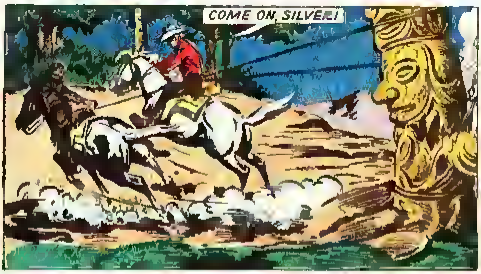

I DON'T KNOW WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN'T PULL THAT POLE OVER
UGH! WE TRY-UM

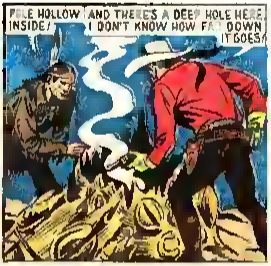

NOW TONTO, WHEN I GIVE THE WORD PULL HARD!
LOOK-UM AT POLE NOW!

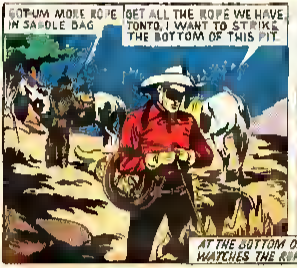

GO BACK OR YOU'LL BE DROPPED DEAD!


THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING! GO BACK OR DIE!
WHOEVER THAT IS, TONTO, THEY TRIED TO KILL US BEFORE WITHOUT ANY WARNING!
THAT RIGHT!

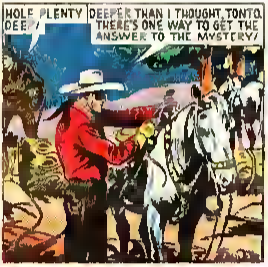

IF HE COULD KILL US NOW HE'D HAVE DONE IT! THAT'S JUST A BLUFF!
WE TRY TO BREAK-UM POLE?

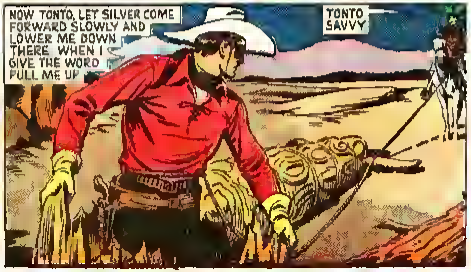


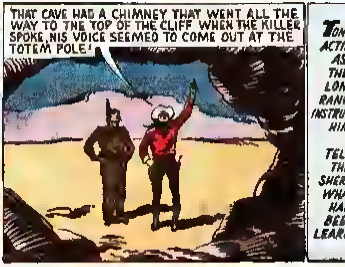




AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DEEP PIT, A SILENT FIGURE WATCHES THE ROPE LET DOWN BY THE LONE RANGER.







TONTO ACTING AS THE LONE RANGER INSTRUCTED HIM, TELLS THE SHERIFF WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED.

TONTO LEADS THE SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES TO THE CAVE IN THE CLIFF IN A SCHEME TO FIND THE MYSTERIOUS VOICE OF THE TOTEM POLE.

HIM KNOW-UM KILLER.

HOW LONG'LL IT TAKE HIM TUH GIT CONSCIOUS AGAIN?

NOT KNOW-UM! MEBBE HIM PLENTY BAD HURT. TONTO TRY FIX-UM.

ONE MAN SLIPS FROM THE CAVE, UNNOTICED WHILE THE OTHERS WATCH TONTO.

WHILE THE LAWMEN WAIT FOR THE LONE RANGER TO NAME THE KILLER, ONE RIDER HEADS TOWARD THE TOP OF THE CLIFF, WITH MURDER IN HIS HEART.

THE LONE RANGER HAS A PLAN TO TRAP THE UNKNOWN KILLER WHO HAS USED AN OLD TOTEM POLE TO TERRORIZE SETTLERS.

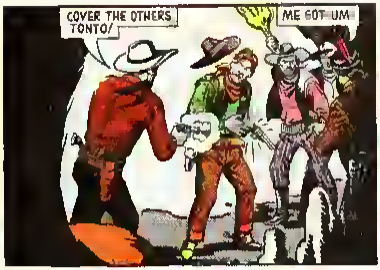
YOU WASN'T UNCONSCIOUS AT ALL?

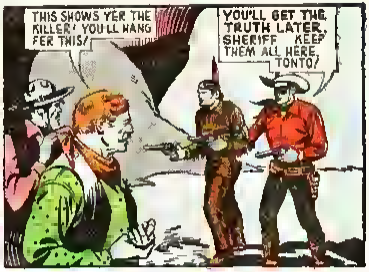
NO! I HOPED TO MAKE THE KILLER TRAP HIMSELF. HE THOUGHT I HAD A CLUE!

TRIED TO TRICK US TUH COME HERE, EH? WAL, I AIN'T SURE YOU AIN'T THE KILLER!

LOOK UP THERE FOR YOUR KILLER!

I DON'T SEE NOTHIN'U THERE!

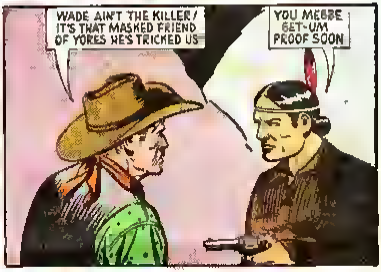

COVER THE OTHERS TONTO!
ME GOT UM


THIS SHOWS YER THE KILLER! YOU'LL HANG FER THIS!
YOU'LL GET THE TRUTH LATER, SHERIFF KEEP THEM ALL HERE, TONTO!

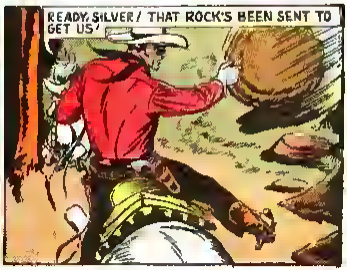

HI YO, SILVER!

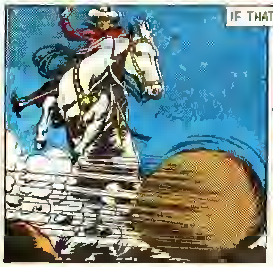

DEPUTY WADE AIN'T HERE! WHERE'S HE GONE?
HIM SNEAK UM OUT.


COME ON SILVER! THE MAN WE WANT IS AT THE TOTEM POLE!


WADE AIN'T THE KILLER! IT'S THAT MASKED FRIEND OF YORES HE'S TRICKED US
YOU MEBBE GET-UM PROOF SOON


THIS'LL STOP THE MASKED MAN AN THEN I'LL GIT THE ONES INSIDE THE PIT!


READY, SILVER! THAT ROCK'S BEEN SENT TO GET US!

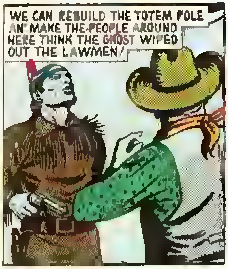



IF THAT ROCK DIDN'T GIT YUH THESE BULLETS WILL!


NOW I'LL GIT YUH, YUH MEDDLIN' COYOTE!
THAT'S DEPUTY WADE UP THERE!

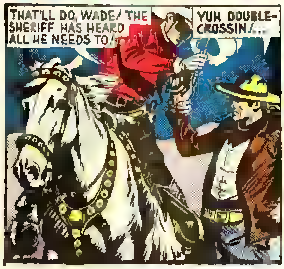

YOU LISTEN HEAR-UM TRUTH!
DON'T SHOOT, WADE! I HAVE ALL THE LAWMEN TRAPPED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PIT!


TONTO IS HOLDING A GUN ON THEM! GO ON WITH YOUR PLAN TO WIPE THEM OUT.
YUH MEAN YOU AN' ME! GO PARTNERS!
WHY, THE..

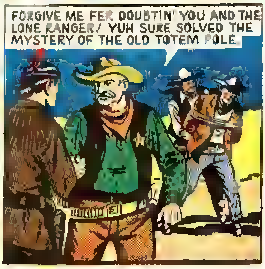

WE CAN REBUILD THE TOTEM POLE AN' MAKE THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE THINK THE GHOST WIPED OUT THE LAWMEN!


THAT'S RIGHT, MISTER, AN' THE TWO OF US AN' THAT INJUN COULD MAKE A REAL CLEANUP!

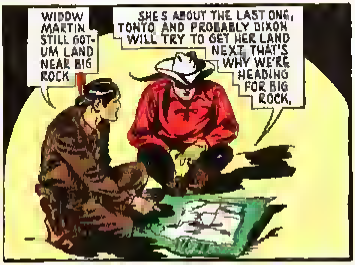

WADE IS THE CROOK AN' THAT MASKED MAN IS GOIN' TUH WORK WITH HIM!
YOU WAIT!

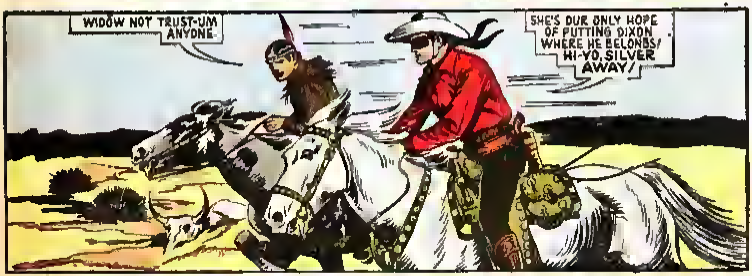

THAT'LL DO, WADE! THE SHERIFF HAS HEARD ALL HE NEEDS TO!
YUH DOUBLE-CROSSIN'!...

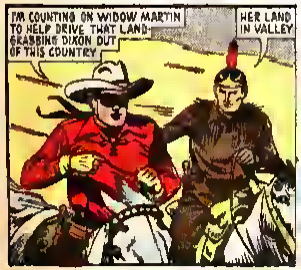

LONE RANGER LET-UM CROOK DOWN!
I'M CONVINCED NOW ALL RIGHT!


FORGIVE ME FER DOUBTIN' YOU AND THE LONE RANGER! YUH SURE SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF THE OLD TOTEM POLE.

The Lone Ranger AND THE LAND GRABBERS

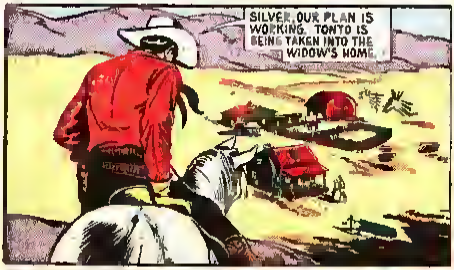




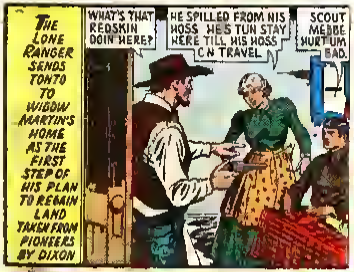



THAT UZ A MIGHTY BAD FALL YUH HAD!
SCOUT MEBBE HURT-UM BAD!


MEBBE THE HOSS CAN GIT TUH MY SHED WHERE MY FOREMAN CAN LOOK AT IT'S LEG! YOU COME TUH THE HOUSE AN' I'LL FIX YER ARM UP.
REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YUH. YOU SELL OR ELSE!


SILVER, OUR PLAN IS WORKING. TONTO IS BEING TAKEN INTO THE WIDOW'S HOME.

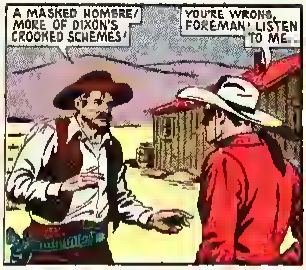

INJUN, YOU WIST YER HANDS OR I'LL DRILL YUH!

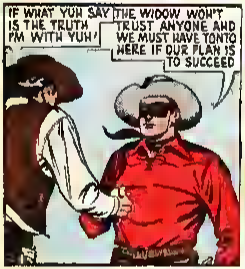

THE LONE RANGER SENDS TONTO TO WIDOW MARTIN'S HOME AS THE FIRST STEP OF HIS PLAN TO REGAIN LAND TAKEN FROM PIONEERS BY DIXON
WHAT'S THAT REDSKIN DOIN' HERE?
HE SPILLED FROM HIS HOSS. HE'S TUN STAY HERE TILL HIS HOSS CAN TRAVEL
SCOUT MEBBE HURT'UM BAD.

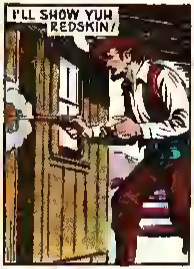

THE REDSKIN'S HOSS AIN'T HURT AT ALL. WHAT SORT O TRICK IS HE PLAYIN'?


THE REDSKIN IS LIKELY IN CAHOOTS WITH DIXON TRYIN SOME CROOKED SCHEME TUH GIT THIS RANCH! WAL, I'LL RUN HIM OFF OR KILL THE CRITTUR!


I'LL CHASE THAT SCHEMIN' REDSKIN!
NOT SO FAST!


A MASKED HOMBRE! MORE OF DIXON'S CROOKED SCHEMES!
YOU'RE WRONG, FOREMAN! LISTEN TO ME...


IF WHAT YUH SAY IS THE TRUTH I'M WITH YUH!
THE WIDOW WON'T TRUST ANYONE AND WE MUST HAVE TONTO HERE IF OUR PLAN IS TO SUCCEED

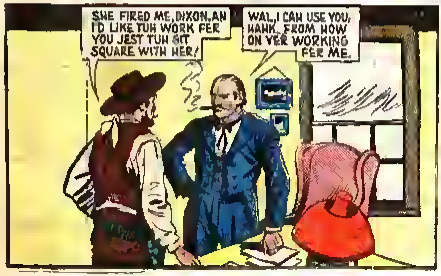

I'LL SHOW YUH REDSKIN!


HANK, YUH BLAMED FOOL!
I'LL SHOW YUH!

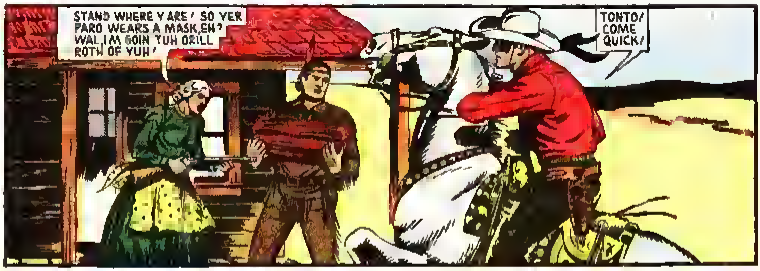

BUT DAD-RAT IT, WIDDER I WON'T STAY HERE WITH THAT DOGGONE INJUN! HE GOES OR I GO!
THEN YOU GO! YOU'RE FIRED NOW GIT!


DIXON! GOT NEWS HANK'S FIRED BY WIDOW MARTIN AN' HES HEADIN' THIS WAY!
GOOD! MEBBE I CAN USE HIM.
MEANWHILE - DIXON'S OFFICE


I WORK FER THE ONE THAT PAYS ME DIXON, AN' WHAT I GOT TUH DO DON'T MATTER.
I CAN USE YOU HANK!


SHE FIRED ME, DIXON, AN I'D LIKE TUH WORK FER YOU JEST TUH GET SQUARE WITH HER!
WAL, I CAN USE YOU, HANK. FROM NOW ON YER WORKING FER ME.

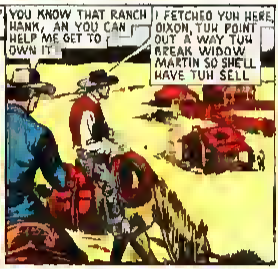

ME HELP TILL YOU GET-UM NEW MAN
THEY'S THINGS I AIM TUH ASK YOU, INJUN. MAYBE HANK WAS RIGHT IN TRYIN' TUH SHOOT YUH!


STAND WHERE Y ARE! SO YER PARD WEARS A MASK, EH? WAL, I'M GOIN TUH DRILL BOTH OF YUH!
TONTO! COME QUICK!

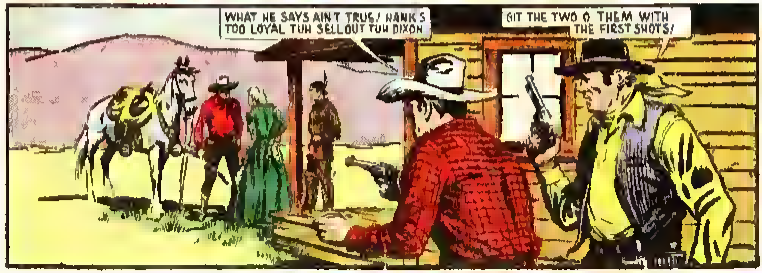

A MASKED MAN AN' A REDSKIN! I SUSPECTED THERE WAS SOMETHING FUNNY.
WAIT! I'VE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!


WAIT FER WHAT? I FOUND THE PAINT HOSS WARN'T HURT AT ALL THAT WAS JEST A TRICK SO'S YUH CO STAY HERE
READY, SILVER


WE'RE ONLY TRYING TO HELP YOU. YOU'LL HAVE PROOF OF IT, IF YOU'LL LOOK NORTH

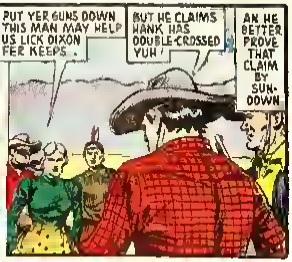

YOU KNOW THAT RANCH HANK, AN YOU CAN HELP ME GET TO OWN IT
I FETCHED YUH HERE, DIXON, TUH POINT OUT A WAY TUH BREAK WIDOW MARTIN SO SHE'LL HAVE TUH SELL

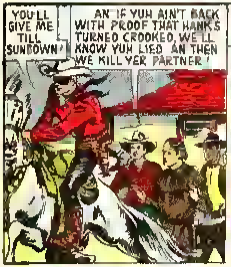

THAT'S HANK WITH DIXON HANK'S WORKING FOR HIM TONTO AND I CAME HERE TO HELP YOU
THAT'S HANK ALL RIGHT I'D KNOW HIM AS FUR AS I C'D SEE THE POLECAT


WHAT HE SAYS AIN'T TRUE! HANK'S TOO LOYAL TUH SELLOUT TUH DIXON
GIT THE TWO O' THEM WITH THE FIRST SHOTS!


HOLD YER FIRE! SEE WHAT HE DOES!


THIS SILVER BULLET MAY TELL YOU WHO I AM!
THE LONE RANGER!


PUT YER GUNS DOWN THIS MAN MAY HELP US LICK DIXON FER KEEPS.
BUT HE CLAIMS HANK HAS DOUBLE-CROSSED YUH!
AN HE BETTER PROVE THAT CLAIM BY SUN-DOWN


YOU'LL GIVE ME TILL SUNDOWN?
AN IF YUH AIN'T BACK WITH PROOF THAT HANK'S TURNED CROOKED, WE'LL KNOW YUH LIED AN THEN WE KILL YER PARTNER!


YOUR SCHEME SOUNDS FIRST-RATE, HANK!
WIDOW MARTIN WILL BE BROKE AN' SHE'LL HAVE TUN SELL HER CATTLE
COME ON SILVER!

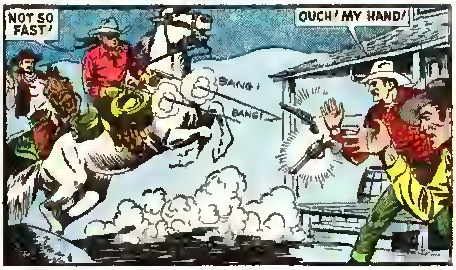

JUST WHO IS THIS MAN?
FRIEND O'MINE WHAT'S THE NEWS?
WIDOW MARTIN'S COWBOYS ARE SUSPICIOUS. YOU'LL HAVE TO ACT FAST

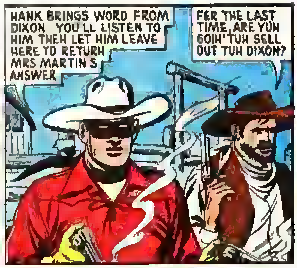

THE MASKED MAN CAINT PROVE HANK'S WORKIN FER DIXON
WAL, GIT READY THEN INJUN. THIS IS YER FINISH!


HERE COME MASK FRIEND NOW
FETCHIN' HANK ALONG WITH HIM

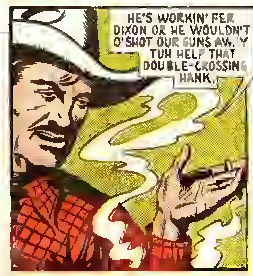

HERE'S YOUR PROOF THAT HANK'S WORKIND WITH DIXON! NOW RELEASE THAT INDIAN
I GOT JEST THIS TUH SAY! YUH EITHER SELL TUH MY BOSS DIXON OR WE RUN YUH OFF!

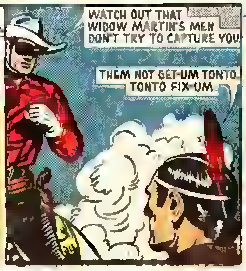

SO THAT'S IT—EH? YER ALL WORKIN FER DIXON! THAT MEANS WE START SHOOTIN'!





THAT NIGHT IN THE BUNKHOUSE






GET THE ROPES ON THEM, TONTO!

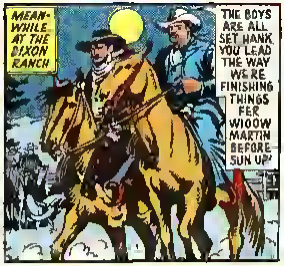

I'VE A FEW THINGS TO SAY TO YOU AND THEN I'M RIDING FOR DIXON'S PLACE.
ANSWER ME JUST ONE THING. WHY DON'T BULLETS DROP YUH?


TONTO THOUGHT YOU'D AMBUSH US, SO HE PUT BLANKS IN YOUR GUNS. NOW LISTEN TO ME.


TONTO AND I ARE TRYING TO PROVE THAT DIXON HAS USED CROOKED MEANS FOR GETTING CONTROL OF ALL THE RANCHES HE OWNS.
HE WANTS THE WIDDER'S RANCH.


WE KNOW HE DOES AND WE'RE TRYING TO FORCE HIM TO SHOW HIS HAND. TONTO IS GOING TO RELOAD YOUR GUNS AND KEEP YOU TIED HERE TILL YOU'RE NEEDED.
PUT 'UM REAL BULLET IN GUN NOW.


COME ON, SILVER, OLD BOY! WE'LL TRY AND LEARN DIXON'S SCHEME TO GET MRS MARTIN'S RANCH!


MEANWHILE, AT THE DIXON RANCH.
THE BOYS ARE ALL SET, HANK. YOU LEAD THE WAY. WE'RE FINISHING THINGS FER WIDOW MARTIN BEFORE SUN UP!


I'LL MAKE HER SORRY SHE DIDN'T SELL OUT TO ME!


THEY'RE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY, SILVER! THEY'VE SEEN US!

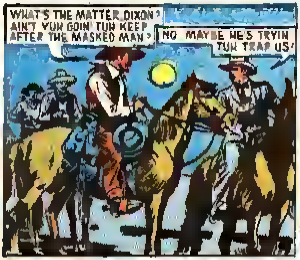

GET THAT MAN, DEAD OR ALIVE!


BUT, DIXON! I TOLD YUH HE WAS A FRIEND O' MINE!
I DON'T TRUST YER FRIENDS, AN I AIN'T SO SURE YET THAT I TRUST YOU. HE'S FROM WIDDER MARTIN'S RANCH.


COME ON, SILVER! AS SOON AS WE'RE AROUND THE BEND, WE'LL TRY AND OUTWIT THAT BUNCH


KEEP GOING, SILVER! LET THEM KEEP AFTER YOU! I'LL HIDE HERE TILL THEY PASS.

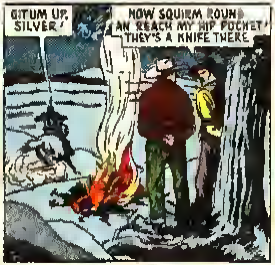

HOLD ON THAR, MEN!

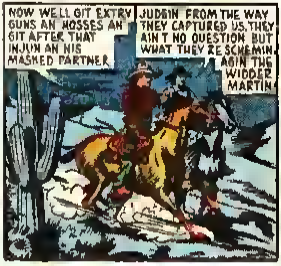

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DIXON? AIN'T YUH GOIN' TUH KEEP AFTER THE MASKED MAN?
NO. MAYBE HE'S TRYIN' TUH TRAP US!


WE'LL DISREGARD HIM AND GO AHEAD AS WE PLANNED IN THE FIRST PLACE.


IF HE'S BEEN KILT IT SERVES HIM RIGHT FER HOG-TYIN' US LIKE THIS!
WHERE MASK FRIEND ONE?


YOU TAKE UM, TONTO TO LONE RANGER GIT UM UP, SILVER!
(WHISPER) GOOD THING HE'S LEAVIN'! KNOW NOW WE'N GIT LOOSE.


GITUM UP, SILVER!
NOW SQUIEM ROUND AN REACH MY HIP POCKET! THEY'S A KNIFE THERE.


NOW WE'LL GIT EXTRY GUNS AN HOSSES AN GIT AFTER THAT INJUN AN HIS MASKED PARTNER.
JUDGIN FROM THE WAY THEY CAPTURED US, THEY AIN'T NO QUESTION BUT WHAT THEY RE SCHEMIN' AGIN THE WIDDER MARTIN!

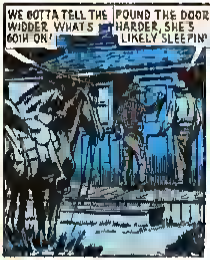

CLOSE IN ON THAT MAN!

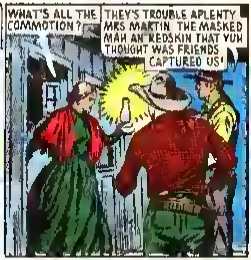

CLOSE IN! I WANT THAT MAN!
WE MAKE-UM TURN!


WHOA SILVER!
HE WHIRLS SILVER QUICKLY.


YUH MAY AS WELL SURRENDER INJUN!


WE'RE KILLIN' YOU AND YER MASKED FRIEND WHEN WE FIND HIM, AN THEN WE'RE FIXIN THINGS SO'S I'LL BE THE OWNER OF WIDOW MARTIN'S RANCH!


WE GOTTA TELL THE WIDDER WHAT'S GOIN ON!
POUND THE DOOR HARDER, SHE'S LIKELY SLEEPIN'


WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION?
THEY'S TROUBLE APLENTY MRS MARTIN THE MASKED MAN AN' REDSKIN THAT YUH THOUGHT WAS FRIENDS CAPTURED US!


THE MASKED MAN'S HOSS COME IN WITHOUT A RIDER AN' THE INJUN FIGGERED HE'D BEEN HURT AN WENT TUH FIND HIM.
THAT'S HOW WE GOT THE CHANCE TUH GIT LOOSE

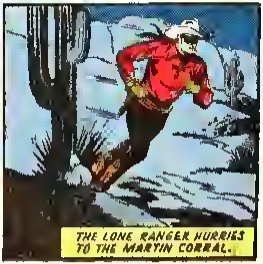

DIXON, HOW ABOUT LETTIN ME BE THE ONE TUH DRILL HIM? THAT'LL PROVE I'M FOR YUH!
ALL RIGHT HANK GO AHEAD
THE COWBOYS DON'T KNOW THAT TONTO, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, FACES DEATH

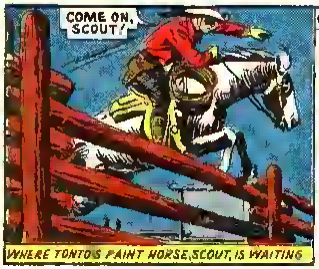

GO ON, HANK, DRILL THE INJUN! THEN WE'LL GO ON WITH THE NIGHT'S WORK


THAT'S DIXON AND HANK THE FOXE-MAN I FIRED
THEY GOT THE INJUN CAPTURED!
WHAT'S THAT OUTFIT DOIN' HERE?


WAL REDSKIN I GOT TUH DO THIS!


THAT'S HANK THAT DRILLED THE REDSKIN!


THE LONE RANGER HURRIES TO THE MARTIN CORRAL.


COME ON, SCOUT!
WHERE TONTO'S PAINT HORSE, SCOUT, IS WAITING


GOOD SHOOTIN' HANK NOW WE'LL GET THE WIDOW.


THERE THEY ARE!


WE'LL DRILL WHAT WE CAN OF 'EM!
NO, DON'T SHOOT! WE WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!


WHAT D'YUH FIGGER THIS HIGH-HANDED DOIN' IS GOIN' TUH GIT YUH DIXON?
TAKE EM ALL TO THE HOUSE BOYS


AND YOU HANK, DOUBLE-CROSSIN' ME LIKE THIS!
YUH FIRED ME DIDN'T YUH? AN ONLY BECAUSE I WANTED YUH SHOOT THAT REDSKIN.

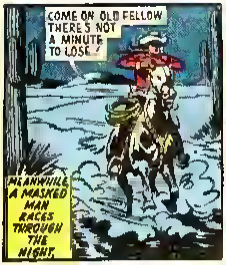

AH' YUH FINALLY DID SHOOT TONTO! YOU'LL PAY FER THAT SOME DAY, HANK.


ME ALL RIGHT SILVER, TONTO NOT DEAD YET MEBBE SHOW UM DIXON PLENTY SURPRISE

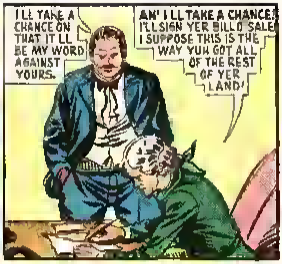

SIT DOWN THERE WIDOW MARTIN! NOW WE'LL TALK BUSINESS! I'M TAKING THIS RANCH OVER!

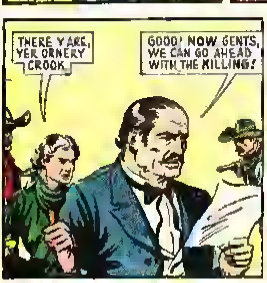

THERE'S THE BILL OF SALE, AND I'VE GOT THE CASH RIGHT HERE! YOU SIGN THIS LAND OVER TO ME AT THAT PRICE!

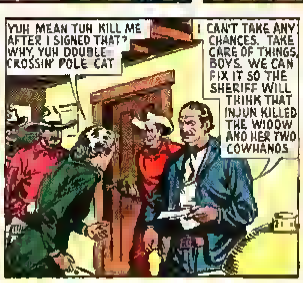

YOU'LL SIGN THAT OR I'LL KILL YOU, AND PUT THE BLAME ON THAT DEAD REDSKIN!


COME ON OLD FELLOW THERE'S NOT A MINUTE TO LOSE!
MEANWHILE A MASKED MAN RACES THROUGH THE NIGHT.

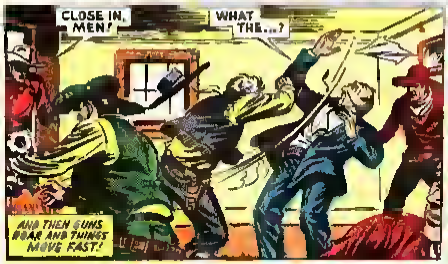

YUH CAIN'T GIT AWAY WITH THIS DIXON. THAT BILL O SALE WON'T HOLD IN COURT! I'LL TELL WHY I SIGNED IT! I'LL TELL THE SHERIFF IT WAS A CASE OF SIGN OR GIT KILLED

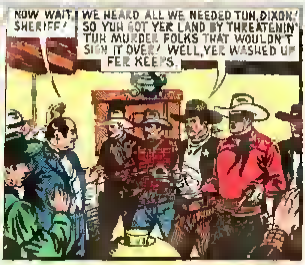

I'LL TAKE A CHANCE ON THAT IT'LL BE MY WORD AGAINST YOURS.
AN' I'LL TAKE A CHANCE. I'LL SIGN YER BILL O SALE I SUPPOSE THIS IS THE WAY YUH GOT ALL OF THE REST OF YER LAND!

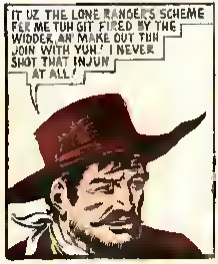

THERE Y'ARE, YER ORNERY CROOK.
GOOD! NOW GENTS, WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE KILLING!

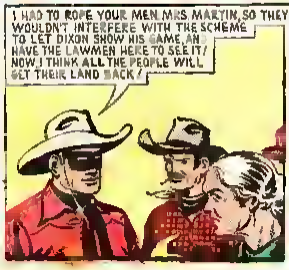

YUH MEAN TUH KILL ME AFTER I SIGNED THAT? WHY, YUH DOUBLE CROSSIN' POLE CAT
I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES. TAKE CARE OF THINGS, BOYS. WE CAN FIX IT SO THE SHERIFF WILL THINK THAT INJUN KILLED THE WIDOW AND HER TWO COWHANDS


IF WE CAN LOCATE THE MASKED MAN, WE CAN PUT THE BLAME ON HIM AS WELL!


CLOSE IN, MEN!
WHAT THE...?
AND THEN GUNS ROAR AND THINGS MOVE FAST!


NOW WAIT, SHERIFF!
WE HEARD ALL WE NEEDED TUH, DIXON! SO YUH GOT YER LAND BY THREATENIN' TUH MURDER FOLKS THAT WOULDN'T SIGN IT OVER! WELL, YER WASHED UP FER KEEPS.


IT UZ THE LONE RANGER'S SCHEME FER ME TUH GIT FIRED BY THE WIDDER, AN' MAKE OUT TUH JOIN WITH YUH! I NEVER SHOT THAT INJUN AT ALL!


I HAD TO ROPE YOUR MEN MRS MARTIN, SO THEY WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THE SCHEME TO LET DIXON SHOW HIS GAME, AN HAVE THE LAWMEN HERE TO SEE IT! NOW I THINK ALL THE PEOPLE WILL GET THEIR LAND BACK!


STRANGER, HOW C'N I THANK YUN FER WHAT YUH DONE?
BY SEEING THAT HANK GETS HIS JOB BACK. MEN AS LOYAL AS HE IS, ARE HARD TO FIND!

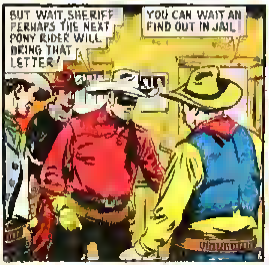
The Lone Ranger AND THE POISON PLOTTERS


ARE YOU SURE THERE ISN'T A LETTER FROM WASHINGTON?
ONE OF THE RIDERS WAS SHOT BY REDSKINS BUT THE MAIL CAME THROUGH ALL RIGHT!

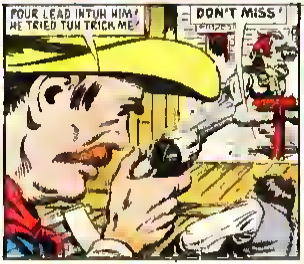

YOU SEE, SHERIFF, HE LIED TO YOU!
I'LL HAVE TUH JAIL YUH, MISTER!
THE NEXT RIDER MAY BRING THAT LETTER! I KNOW ONE IS COMING TO DISCHARGE THAT TAX-COLLECTOR!

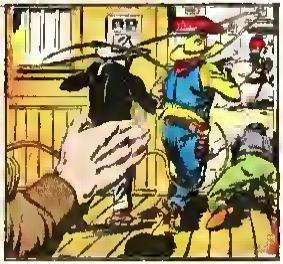

MORE LIES! IT'S JUST A TRICK SO WE WON'T EVICT THOSE RANCHERS!

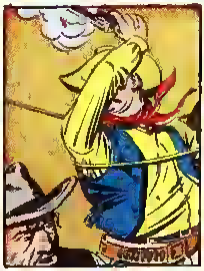

TAKE HIS GUNS AN MASK AWAY BOYS! THAT HOMBRE TRIED TUH FOOL ME!
JAIL HIM!


BUT WAIT, SHERIFF PERHAPS THE NEXT PONY RIDER WILL BRING THAT LETTER!
YOU CAN WAIT AN FIND OUT IN JAIL!


GET HIM!

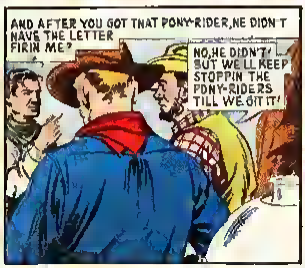

POUR LEAD INTUH HIM! HE TRIED TUH TRICK ME!
DON'T MISS!

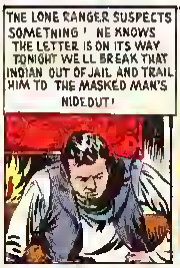





YOU NOT SHOOT UM MASK MAN!
YUH STOPPED US FROM GITTIN HIM INJUN BUT YOU'LL HANG FER IT!


YOU STAY THERE REDSKIN FER OBSTRUCTIN JUSTICE! IT'S YOU WHO LET THE MASKED MAN GIT AWAY FROM THE LAW!


AND AFTER YOU GOT THAT PONY-RIDER, HE DIDN'T HAVE THE LETTER FIRIN ME?
NO, HE DIDN'T! BUT WE'LL KEEP STOPPIN THE PONY-RIDERS TILL WE GIT IT!

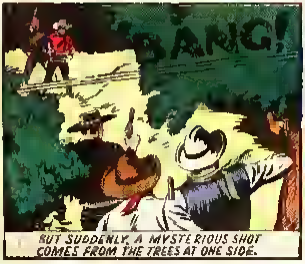

THE LONE RANGER SUSPECTS SOMETHING! HE KNOWS THE LETTER IS ON ITS WAY TONIGHT WE'LL BREAK THAT INDIAN OUT OF JAIL AND TRAIL HIM TO THE MASKED MAN'S HIDEOUT!


JES' AS YUH SAID, FARREL THE INJUN'S SHOWED THE WAY TUH THE LONE RANGER'S HIDIN' PLACE!
WE CAN OUTWIT THE SHERIFF EASY. AS SOON AS THE LONE RANGER IS KILLED AND OFF OUR TRAIL!


TONTO! HOW DID YOU GET OUT OF JAIL SO SOON?
SOMEONE OPEN OODR. TELL UM ME GO FREE


I WAS JUST CINCHING UP TO GO AFTER YOU.


THE REDSKIN LED US RIGHT TO THE LONE RANGER. GET CLOSE ENOUGH SO YOU DON'T MISS THE FIRST SHOT!

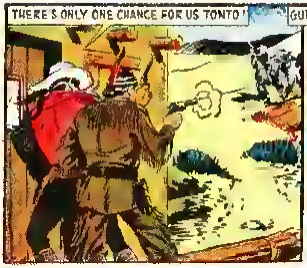

BANG!
BUT SUDDENLY, A MYSTERIOUS SHOT COMES FROM THE TREES AT ONE SIDE.


BANG
ONE OF THE OUTLAWS STEPPED AGAINST A STRING NEAR THE GROUND

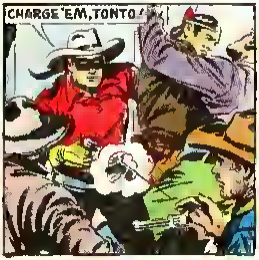

THAT'S OUR ALARM!
THERE THEY GO, TONTO!
NOW WE GET UM THEM!
NO, TONTO! WAIT! LOOK WHAT'S COMING TOWARD US!
THE SHERIFF HUNTS THE ESCAPED INDIAN WITH A POSSE AND BLOOD-HOUNDS.
THERE'S THE CAMP!
WANTED FOR MURDER OF PRISON GUARD IN BEAR CREEK
$500.00 REWARD
MURDER! THOSE MEN WHO LET YOU OUT OF JAIL KILLED THE GUARD! NOW, TONTO, WE ARE FUGITIVES FROM THE LAW!
THE NEXT AFTERNOON, SOME DISTANCE AWAY
THE LAW THINKS I HELPED YOU ESCAPE FROM JAIL, TONTO!
WE'VE GOT TO PROVE FARREL GUILTY TO CLEAR OURSELVES. WE'LL START BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE DEATH OF THE PONY-RIDER
LOOK-UM AHEAD!
ANOTHER PONY-RIDER! AND HE, TOO, IS DEAD!


GIT THAT MASKED MAN! HE'S WANTED FER MURDER!
ANOTHER PONY-RIDER KILLED!
GIT'EM!
HI-YO SILVER, AWAY!
GIT AFTER THEM TWO! I'LL SEE WHAT C'N BE DONE FER THIS PONY RIDER!
BLAST IT! THIS IS A PART OF THE JOB I HATE!
REIN UP TONTO!
WE'VE SHAKEN THOSE TWO OFF OUR TRAIL. NOW I WANT TO CIRCLE BACK! THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY MYSTERIOUS ABOUT THE MURDER OF THE SECOND PONY-RIDER!
THERE DEAD RIDER
AND, TONTO! HE'S BEEN SHOT. HE WASN'T DEAD FROM A BULLET WHEN WE SAW HIM LAST!
PONY EXPRESS
GET READY TONTO! WE'RE GOING IN THERE AND SOLVE THIS MYSTERY RIGHT NOW!
OUR HORSES SAFE BEHIND STATION
YES TONTO. NOW TO SEE WHY THAT MAN WAS SHOT AFTER HE WAS DEAD.
WE'LL SEE IF THE STATION MASTER HAS NEWS FOR US!
FARREL! THAT'S THE MASKED MAN AT THE DOOR
GET THOSE TWO!

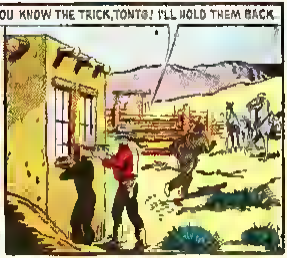

THAT'S FARREL THE TAX-COLLECTOR!
WE IN TRAP HERE!


THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE FOR US TONTO!

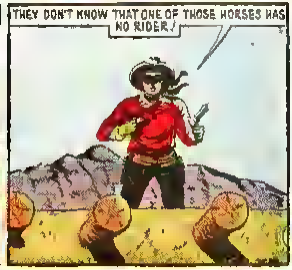

GUNFIRE OUTSIDE BLAKE
GIT READY FER SHOOTIN'!

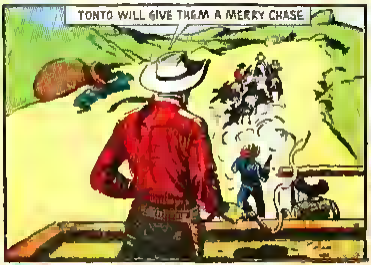

CHARGE 'EM, TONTO!

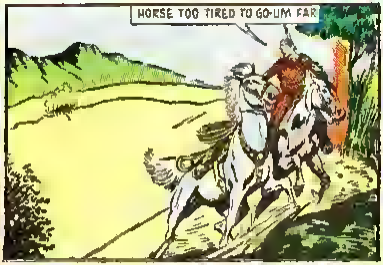

DROP THOSE TWO!

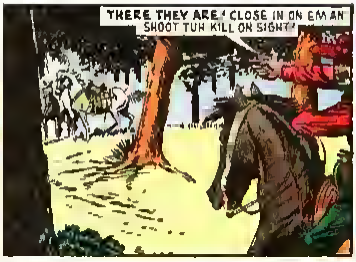

YOU KNOW THE TRICK, TONTO! I'LL HOLD THEM BACK


THEIR HORSES ARE TIRED YOU CAN CATCH THEM!
GIT AFTER THEM TWO!

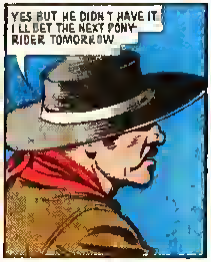

THEY DON'T KNOW THAT ONE OF THOSE HORSES HAS NO RIDER!

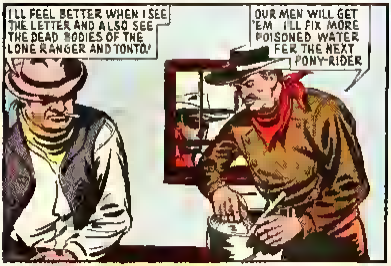

TONTO WILL GIVE THEM A MERRY CHASE

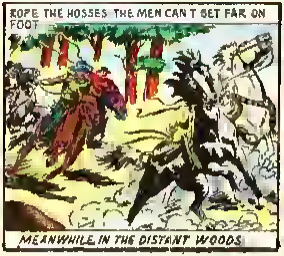

HORSE TOO TIRED TO GO-UM FAR

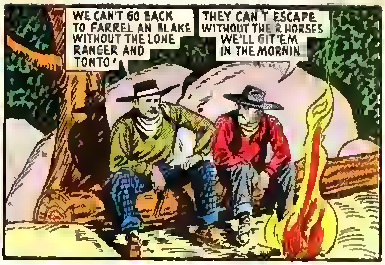


WHILE TONTO TRIES TO EVADE CAPTURE WITH EXHAUSTED HORSES, THE LONE RANGER REMAINS AT THE PONY EXPRESS STATION

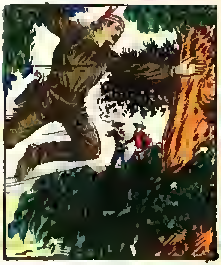






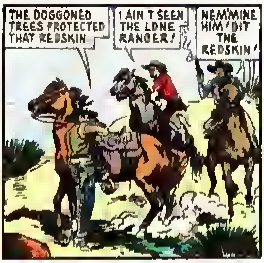


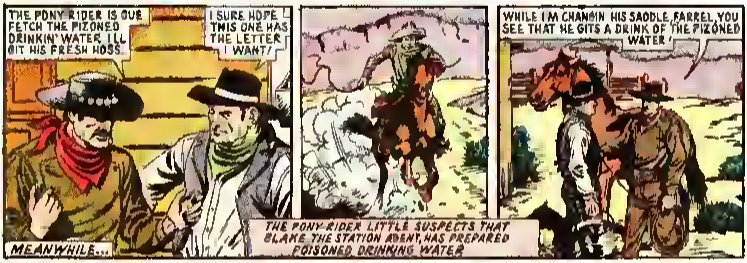
TONTO HAS A REASON FOR PERMITTING THE HORSES TO BE CAUGHT

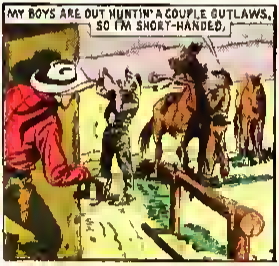



GIT-UM UP SCOUT! COME ON SILVER!


HORSE GOT UM REST NOW WE OUTRUN RAD MEN!


THE DOGGONED TREES PROTECTED THAT REDSKIN
I AIN'T SEEN THE LONE RANGER!
NEM'MINE HIM! GIT THE REDSKIN!


THE PONY RIDER IS DUE FETCH THE PIZONED DRINKIN' WATER. I'LL GIT HIS FRESH HOSS.
I SURE HOPE THIS ONE HAS THE LETTER I WANT!
WHILE I'M CHANGIN' HIS SADDLE, FARREL, YOU SEE THAT HE GITS A DRINK OF THE PIZONED WATER!
MEANWHILE...
THE PONY-RIDER LITTLE SUSPECTS THAT BLAKE THE STATION AGENT, HAS PREPARED POISONED DRINKING WATER


MY BOYS ARE OUT HUNTIN' A COUPLE OUTLAWS, SO I'M SHORT-HANDED.


THE MASKED MAN!
I'M RIDING THIS HORSE!


HE'S THE OUTLAW!


THAT MASKED MAN GOT AWAY!
WHY D HE STEAL THE MAIL?


THAT MASKED MAN'S WANTED, YUH SEE! THEY'S TWO DEATHS ALREADY CHARGED TO HIM!
HERE COME THE MEN BACK!


WE DIDN'T SEE THE MASKED MAN, AN THE INJUN GOT AWAY FROM US!
THE MASKED MAN WAS HERE! HE'S TOOK THE PONY-RIDER'S HOSS AN THE MAIL!


WHILE LAWMEN HUNT THE LONE RANGER, HE ARRIVES IN BEAR CREEK ON THE PONY RIDER'S HORSE.
WAIT, SHERIFF! YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN! I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE LETTER THAT WOULD DISCHARGE THE CROOKED TAX COLLECTOR.
HERE'S THE LETTER! NOW LET THE NEXT RIDER TAKE THE MAIL ON ITS WAY!
THIS LETTER FIRES FARREL RIGHT ENOUGH!
THE LAST TWO PONY RIDERS WERE MURDERED IN AN EFFORT TO INTERCEPT THAT LETTER. IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME A HORSE AND FOLLOW ME ANOTHER MAN WILL DIE!
I AIN'T FALLIN' FER NO TRICKS! I'M HOLDIN YOU!
AN YOU'LL HANG!
TONTO!
GIT-UM AWAY!
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME, SHERIFF!
HI YO SILVER AWAY!
HOLD YER FIRE! YOU'LL HIT THE SHERIFF!
GIT HOSSES AN' CHASE 'EM
I'LL SEE YUH HANG FER THIS!
YOU'LL SEE A LOT, SHERIFF BEFORE SUNSET!
MY MEN ARE WAITING OUTSIDE, BLAKE. I'LL SHOVE ON
I RECKON YOU'LL HEAR THAT THE MASKED MAN IS CAPTURED WHEN YOU GET TO BEAR CREEK.
W WHAT AILS ME?
MEBBE THE WATER DON'T AGREE WITH YUH!

YOU NOT STOP HIM!

BACK INSIDE, FARREL, AND YOUR MEN WITH YOU!

BLAKE GAVE THE PONY RIDERS POISONED WATER! THAT'S WHAT KILLED THEM! HE DIDN'T WANT THE LETTER DISCHARGING FARREL TO GO THROUGH TO YOU!

IS THAT TRUE, BLAKE?

OF COURSE IT AIN'T TRUE! THAT MASKED MAN KILLED THE PONY RIDERS! IF THE WATERS POISONED HE POISONED IT!

ALL RIGHT STRANGER! YOU CAN'T HOLD US ALL UNDER YER GUN FER LONG PROVE YER POINT OR HANG!

I WILL PROVE IT!

WHEN I TOOK THE PONY RIDER'S HORSE, I GAVE HIM THIS NOTE. READ IT SHERIFF!

BLAKE AND FARREL HAVE KILLED TWO PONY RIDERS HELP ME PROVE THEIR GUILT BY PRETENDING YOUVE BEEN POISONED

The Lone Ranger

I DONE WHAT THE NOTE SAID AND HEARD PLENTY!

I KNEW THE LONE RANGER COULD BE TRUSTED SO I MADE OUT TO BE POISONED AND HEARD BLAKE TELLIN HIS MEN THEY'D HAVE TUH PUT A BULLET IN ME LIKE THE OTHERS GOT!

ALL RIGHT THEN, WE SHOOT IT OUT!

I HOPED YOUR DEPUTIES WOULD FOLLOW US

WAL, THIS REWARD NOTICE SURE WAS WRONG! IT NEVER DID SEEM RIGHT FER THE LONE RANGER TUH BE AN OUTLAW

HI YO SILVER, AWAY!

The Lone Ranger AND THE COVERED WAGONS

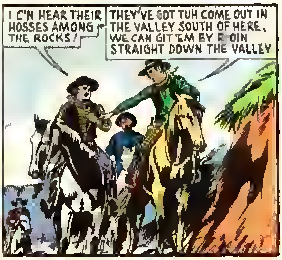

THEY DRILLED OUR GUIDE!
THE SHOTS CAME FROM UP THERE


PIONEER CHASE UM US!
THEY WANT US FOR THE MURDER OF THEIR GUIDE. WE CAN'T RIDE FAR WITHOUT RUNNING INTO THE APACHES' CAMP!

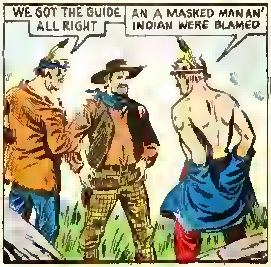

THEM TWO HAVE GOT TUH HANG FER MURDERIN OUR GUIDE

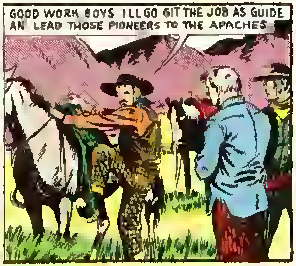

TONTO THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO GIT RID OF THEM THAT RE TRAILIN US


THEY'RE STILL HEADIN SOUTH. LET'S KEEP ON IN THE VALLEY WHERE IT'S LEVEL!
WE FOLLOW EM RIGHT IN AMONG THE ROCKS! I AIN'T LEAVIN TILL THEM TWO PAY FER KILLIN OUR GUIDE


I C'N HEAR THEIR HOSSES AMONG THE ROCKS!
THEY'VE GOT TUH COME OUT IN THE VALLEY SOUTH OF HERE. WE CAN GIT 'EM BY RIDIN STRAIGHT DOWN THE VALLEY


LOOK TONTO! THERE ARE THE MEN THAT KILLED THE GUIDE

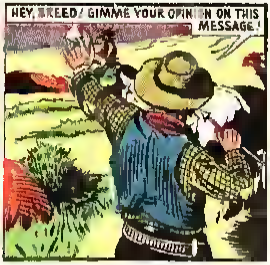

WE GOT THE GUIDE ALL RIGHT
AN A MASKED MAN AN' INDIAN WERE BLAMED

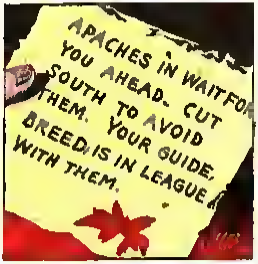

GOOD WORK BOYS. I'LL GO GIT THE JOB AS GUIDE AN' LEAD THOSE PIONEERS TO THE APACHES


YORE HIRED, BREED. I RECKON YOU C'N GIT US PAST THE APACHE COUNTRY SAFE AND SOUND
THE PIONEERS DO NOT SUSPECT BREEDS PURPOSE!!

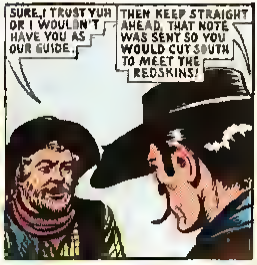

SO BREED PLANS TO LEAD THE PIONEERS INTO THE APACHES HANDS! THEY'LL ALL PERISH IF WE DON'T WARN THEM

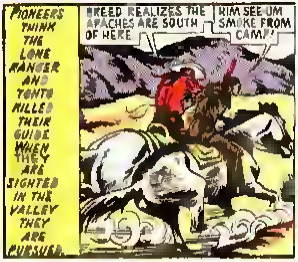

REIN UP, TONTO. I HAVE A PLAN. WE'LL SEND THE PIONEERS A MESSAGE.


HEY, BREED! GIMME YOUR OPINION ON THIS MESSAGE!


APACHES IN WAIT FOR YOU AHEAD. CUT SOUTH TO AVOID THEM. YOUR GUIDE, BREED, IS IN LEAGUE WITH THEM.


WHAT D'YOU SAY ABOUT THAT, BREED?
D'YOU TRUST ME OR DON'T YUH?


SURE, I TRUST YUH OR I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU AS OUR GUIDE.
THEN KEEP STRAIGHT AHEAD. THAT NOTE WAS SENT SO YOU WOULD CUT SOUTH TO MEET THE REDSKINS!

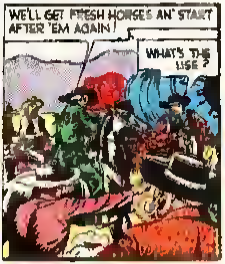

PIONEERS THINK THE LONE RANGER AND TONTO KILLED THEIR GUIDE WHEN THEY ARE SIGHTED IN THE VALLEY THEY ARE PURSUED.
BREED REALIZES THE APACHES ARE SOUTH OF HERE
HIM SEE UM SMOKE FROM CAMP!


NOW WE GOT 'EM TRAPPED. OUR OWN WAGONS JUST AHEAD WILL STOP 'EM!

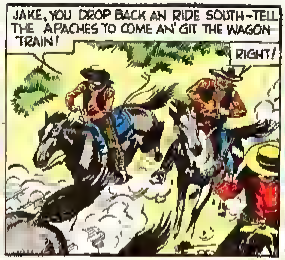

THE WAGONS AHEAD WILL BLOCK US, TONTO!
MOUNTAIN ON EACH SIDE TOO STEEP


INSTEAD OF HALTING THE RANGER, THE THE RANGER AND T TRY A DOUBLE


HI-YO, SILVER, AWAY!


WE'LL GET FRESH HORSES AN' START AFTER 'EM AGAIN!
WHAT'S THE USE?


I WANT THOSE TWO, BREED, AND I'M GOING TO GET 'EM! THEY SHOULD HANG FER MURDER!


JAKE, YOU DROP BACK AN RIDE SOUTH-TELL THE APACHES TO COME AN' GIT THE WAGON-TRAIN!
RIGHT!


THEY DON'T SUSPECT THAT JAKE'S GONE BACK TUH TELL THE APACHES WHERE THE WAGONS ARE

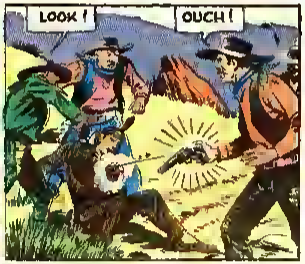

YOU UNDERSTAND THE TRICK, TONTO— IT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO. I'LL TRY TO GET WORD TO THE CAVALRY
TONTO KNOW UM


LOOK! THE INDIAN'S HURT!


I'LL FINISH HIM OFF, PRONTO!


LET ME DRILL THE REDSKIN
NOT YET, BREED I WANT TO MAKE HIM TELL A FEW THINGS!


LEAVE GO ME! I'M GOIN' TUH —


LOOK!
OUCH!

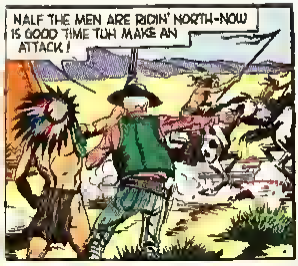

SO YOU AIN'T HURT AT ALL!
YOU HEAR WHAT I TELL!

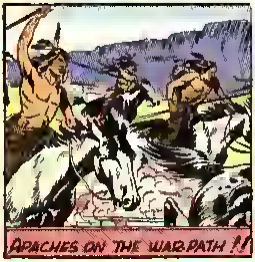

YOU BETTER TALK FAS!
THAT FELLER NAME, BREED HIM OUTLAW!


HE LIES!
HIM TRY LEAD-UM YOU TO APACHE!
THAT'D MEAN CERTAIN DEATH!


APACHE TO SOUTH-THAT WHY MASKED FRIEND NOT TAKE YOU THERE


YUH BETTER START RIGHT AWAY IF YUH WANT TOH GIT THAT WAGON TRAIN!
UGH! GO NOW
MEANWHILE, IN THE SOUTH BEYOND THE WAGON-TRAIN


NALF THE MEN ARE RIDIN' NORTH-NOW IS GOOD TIME TOH MAKE AN ATTACK!


APACHES ON THE WARPATH!!


SO YUH LED THE APACHES YUH THE SOUTH OF THE TRAIL, THEN SENT THAT MESSAGE
"THAT RIGHT MASK MAN KNOW BREED DO DIFFERENT THAN MESSAGE SAY
AN' WHAD'S YER MASKED FRIEND?

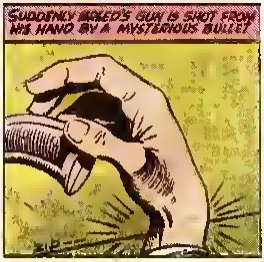

LOOK! INJUNS!

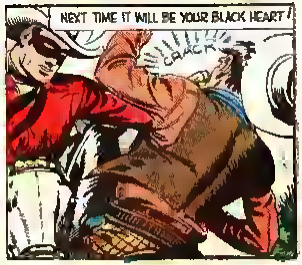

WE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE!

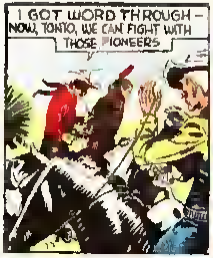

THEY OUTNUMBER US TEN TUH ONE, BUT WE GOT TUH FIGHT TUH THE FINISH WITH THE OTHER FELLERS


FALL BACK SOME MORE SO WE DON'T GIT MIXED IN!
RIGHT, BREED

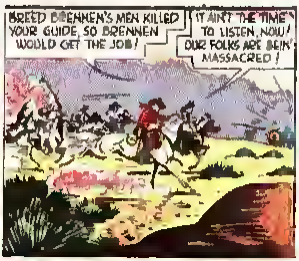

HERE'S WHERE I FINISH THAT REDSKIN FER KEEPS!

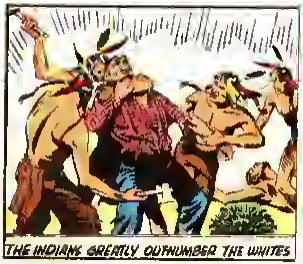

SUDDENLY MAKED'S GUN IS SHOT FROM HIS HAND BY A MYSTERIOUS BULLET!


NEXT TIME IT WILL BE YOUR BLACK HEART!
CHACK


I GOT WORD THROUGH — NOW, TONTO, WE CAN FIGHT WITH THOSE PIONEERS


YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS
YOU!


BREED BRENNEN'S MEN KILLED YOUR GUIDE, SO BRENNEN WOULD GET THE JOB!
IT AIN'T THE TIME TO LISTEN, NOW! OUR FOLKS ARE BEIN' MASSACRED!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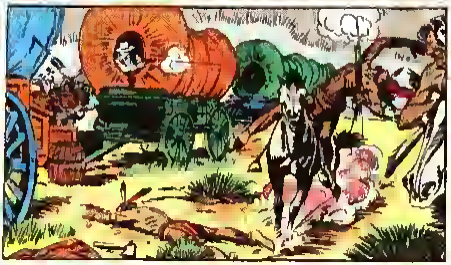
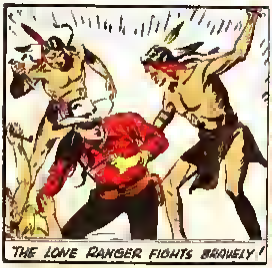
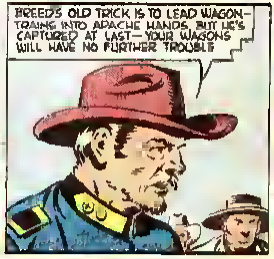



THE LONE RANGER FIGHTS BRAVELY!


MY MEN WILL FINISH WHAT'S LEFT OF THAT TRIBE
WE OWE OUR LIVES TO YOU, CAPTAIN!

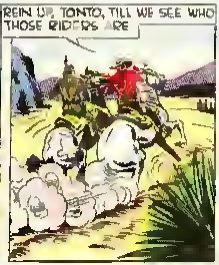

NOT ME! IT'S THAT MASKED MAN THAT CAME FOR ME!
THE LEADER OF THE WAGONS THOUGHT BREED BRENNEN WAS A GOOD GUIDE

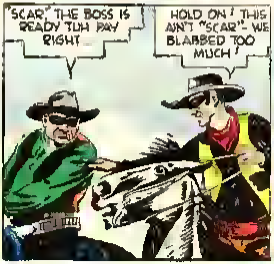

BREED'S OLD TRICK IS TO LEAD WAGON-TRAINS INTO APACHE HANDS, BUT HE'S CAPTURED AT LAST — YOUR WAGONS WILL HAVE NO FURTHER TROUBLE

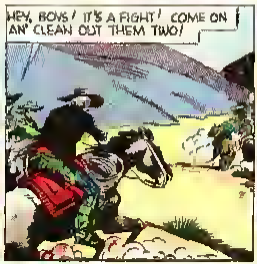

HI-YO, SILVER, AWAY!

The Lone Ranger AND THE BURIED TREASURE

THE LONE RANGER AND TONTO HEAD FOR SAN PEDRO WHEN THEY LEARN THERE IS BURIED TREASURE NEARBY

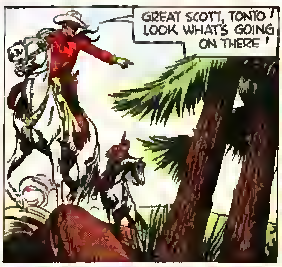







QUICK, TONTO, THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE !

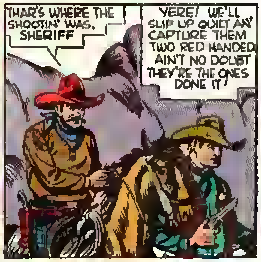

HI-YO, SILVER, AWAY!

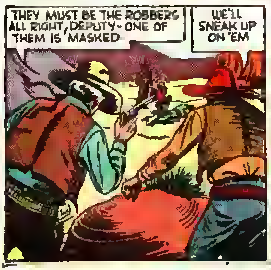

GREAT SCOTT, TONTO! LOOK WHAT'S GOING ON THERE!


IT'S AN EXPRESS ROBBERY, TONTO!

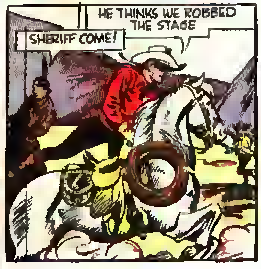

RUN FOR IT, BOYS! WE GOT THE GOLD


DEAD, BOTH OF THEM!

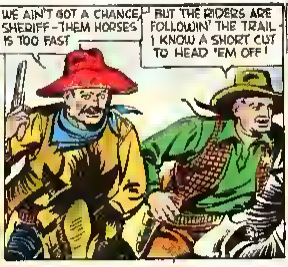

THAT'S WHERE THE SHOOTIN' WAS, SHERIFF
YERE! WE'LL SLIP UP QUIET AN' CAPTURE THEM TWO RED HANDED AIN'T NO DOUBT THEY'RE THE ONES DONE IT!


THEY MUST BE THE ROBBERS ALL RIGHT, DEPUTY- ONE OF THEM IS MASKED
WE'LL SNEAK UP ON 'EM


LOOK-UM! SILVER, GIVE-UM WARNING!
WHAT IS IT, SILVER?

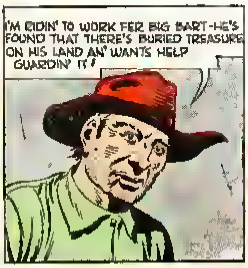

HE THINKS WE ROBBED THE STAGE
SHERIFF COME!


IF HE'D ONLY STOPPED TO SEE WHAT I LEFT BY THE WAGON, BUT HE DIDN'T!
SHERIFF COME AFTER US!


WE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE, SHERIFF—THEM HORSES IS TOO FAST
BUT THE RIDERS ARE FOLLOWIN' THE TRAIL. I KNOW A SHORT CUT TO HEAD 'EM OFF!


WE SHOULD BE FAR AHEAD OF THE LAWMEN NOW. I WANT TO WATCH THE TRAIL FOR THE MAN CALLED "SCAR"
MEBBE THAT HIM!

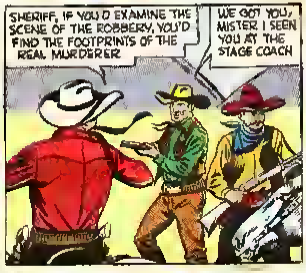

SO YOU ARE THE MAN CALLED "SCAR"
YOU THE GENTS THAT'S SENT TUH MEET ME?


I'M RIDIN' TO WORK FER BIG BART—HE'S FOUND THAT THERE'S BURIED TREASURE ON HIS LAND AN' WANTS HELP GUARDIN' IT!

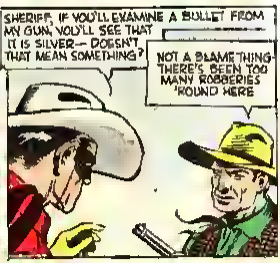

WHY DOES BIG BART HIRE OUTLAWS FOR THAT?
WHY, YOU...


THERE THEY ARE, SHERIFF
I SAID WE'D HEAD 'EM OFF THIS TIME WE'LL GET THEM FER SURE!

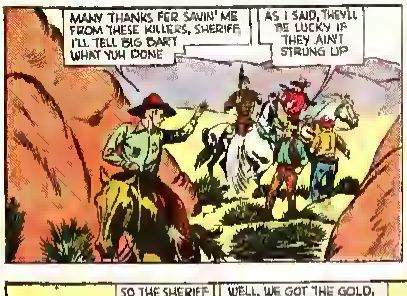

THE SHERIFF!
YER UNDER ARREST FER MURDER—TAKE OFF THAT MASK!


SHERIFF, IF YOU'D EXAMINE THE SCENE OF THE ROBBERY, YOU'D FIND THE FOOTPRINTS OF THE REAL MURDERER
WE GOT YOU, MISTER! I SEEN YOU AT THE STAGE COACH

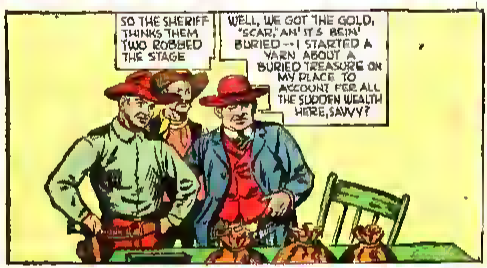

THEY TRIED TUH ROB ME, TOO!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!


SHERIFF, IF YOU'LL EXAMINE A BULLET FROM MY GUN, YOU'LL SEE THAT IT IS SILVER— DOESN'T THAT MEAN SOMETHING?
NOT A BLAME THING. THERE'S BEEN TOO MANY ROBBERIES 'ROUND HERE


THE FOLKS IN TOWN WANT SOME ARRESTS MADE
AN' YOU'LL BE LUCKY IF YOU AIN'T LYNCHED


MANY THANKS FER SAVIN' ME FROM THESE KILLERS, SHERIFF. I'LL TELL BIG BART WHAT YUH DONE
AS I SAID, THEY'LL BE LUCKY IF THEY AIN'T STRUNG UP


HI, 'SCAR' YO'RE LATE GETTIN HERE
WAIT TILL I TELL YUH, BART!

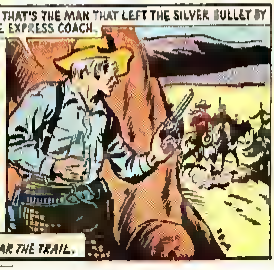

SO THE SHERIFF THINKS THEM TWO ROBBED THE STAGE
WELL, WE GOT THE GOLD, 'SCAR,' AN' IT'S BEIN' BURIED--I STARTED A YARN ABOUT A BURIED TREASURE ON MY PLACE TO ACCOUNT FER ALL THE SUDDEN WEALTH HERE, SAVVY?

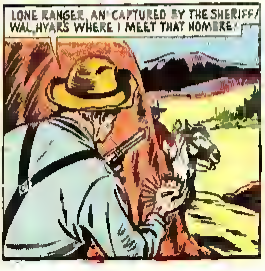

PURTY SLICK! AN' RIGHT ABOUT NOW THE LONE RANGER IS HEADIN' FER HANGIN!


HE'S TRICKY. I WON'T EVEN RISK GETTIN' CLOSE ENOUGH TO HIM TO SNATCH THAT MASK OFF!
IT'S BEST TO PLAY SAFE, SHERIFF.


(SOFT) THEY'LL FIRE THOSE RIFLES IF WE MAKE ANY SORT OF BREAK, TONTO.
UGH. THAT RIGHT.


NOT EVEN THE SILVER BULLET MEANT ANYTHING TO THE SHERIFF


SO THAT'S THE MAN THAT LEFT THE SILVER BULLET BY THE EXPRESS COACH.
A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE CROUCHES NEAR THE TRAIL.

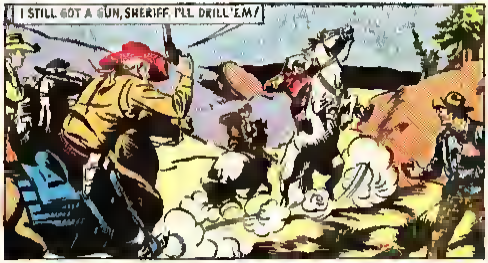

LONE RANGER, AN' CAPTURED BY THE SHERIFF! WAL, HYARS WHERE I MEET THAT HOMBRE!

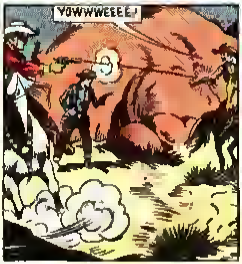

DON'T DROP THEM HANDS A FRACTION OF AN INCH OR I'LL DRILL YUH!

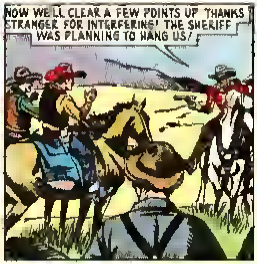

KEIN UP! I'M A-COMIN' WITH DEATH IN EACH HAND!

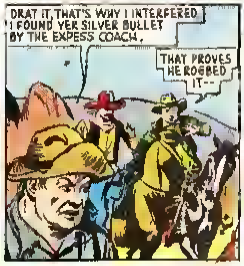

WHAT THE...
STAND CLEAR OF A TWO-GUN MAN!


HOLD YOUR FIRE!

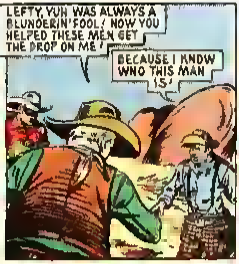

I STILL GOT A GUN, SHERIFF I'LL DRILL 'EM!

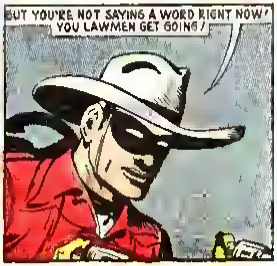

YOWWWEEEE!

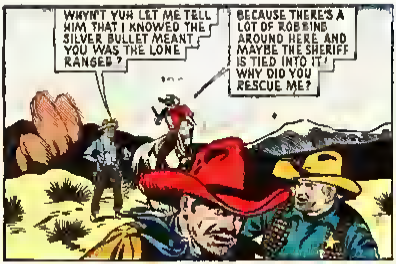

NOW WE'LL CLEAR A FEW POINTS UP THANKS STRANGER FOR INTERFERING! THE SHERIFF WAS PLANNING TO HANG US!

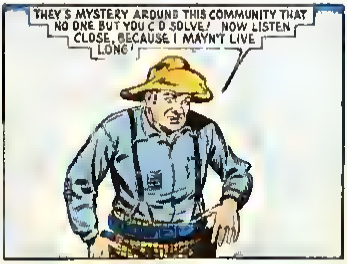

DRAT IT, THAT'S WHY I INTERFERED. I FOUND YER SILVER BULLET BY THE EXPESS COACH.
THAT PROVES HE ROBBED IT--


IT DON'T PROVE NOTHIN'! I----
WAIT! DON'T SAY ANY MORE!

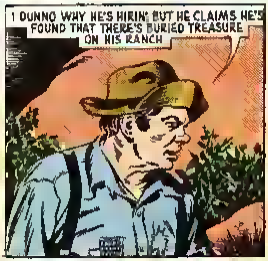

LEFTY, YUH WAS ALWAYS A BLUNDERIN' FOOL! NOW YOU HELPED THESE MEN GET THE DROP ON ME!
BECAUSE I KNOW WHO THIS MAN IS!

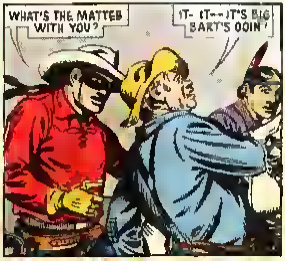

BUT YOU'RE NOT SAYING A WORD RIGHT NOW! YOU LAWMEN GET GOING!

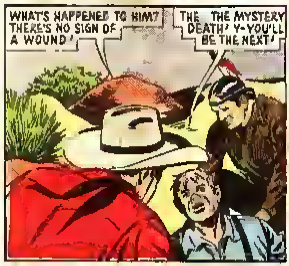

WHY'N'T YUH LET ME TELL HIM THAT I KNOWED THE SILVER BULLET MEANT YOU WAS THE LONE RANGER?
BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF ROBBING AROUND HERE AND MAYBE THE SHERIFF IS TIED INTO IT! WHY DID YOU RESCUE ME?


THEY'S MYSTERY AROUND THIS COMMUNITY THAT NO ONE BUT YOU C'D SOLVE! NOW LISTEN CLOSE, BECAUSE I MAYN'T LIVE LONG!


I'VE GOT YUH TALK FAST MISTER. I JEST COME FROM BIG BART'S RANCH
HE'S HIRING OUTLAWS TO HELP HIM!

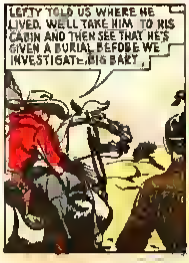

I DUNNO WHY HE'S HIRIN' BUT HE CLAIMS HE'S FOUND THAT THERE'S BURIED TREASURE ON HIS RANCH

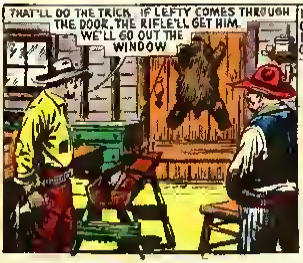

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
IT- IT--IT'S BIG BART'S OOIN'


WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM? THERE'S NO SIGN OF A WOUND!
THE THE MYSTERY DEATH! Y-YOU'LL BE THE NEXT!


I-- I'M GOIN' FAST IT'S THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH


HIM DEAD NOW. LOOK-UM LIKE POISON
HE SAID TO INVESTIGATE THE TREASURE ON BIG BART'S RANCH

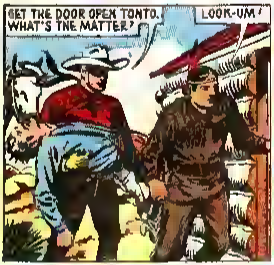

LEFTY TOLD US WHERE HE LIVED. WE'LL TAKE HIM TO HIS CABIN AND THEN SEE THAT HE'S GIVEN A BURIAL BEFORE WE INVESTIGATE BIG BART.


THAT'LL DO THE TRICK. IF LEFTY COMES THROUGH THE DOOR, THE RIFLE'LL GET HIM. WE'LL GO OUT THE WINDOW


LEFTY SUSPICIONED THINGS ON THAT EXPRESS ROBBERY I CAN'T TAKE CHANCES ON HIM.
IF THE POISON DON'T GIT HIM, BART, THE GUN TRAP IN HIS HOUSE WILL!

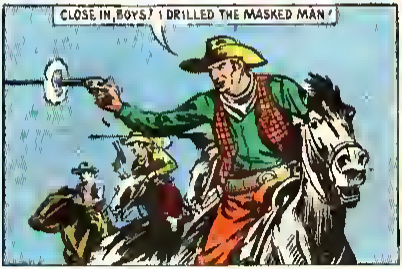

YERE, IT'LL BLOW THE HEAD OFF ANYONE THAT GOES THROUGH THE DOOR


WE'LL LEAVE THE POOR FELLOW IN HIS CABIN, THEN INVESTIGATE THIS BURIED TREASURE AT BIG BART'S PLACE


GET THE DOOR OPEN TONTO. WHAT'S THE MATTER?
LOOK-UM!


THAT'S THE MASKED MAN! AN' HE'S DONE SOMETHIN' TUN LEFTY! GIT HIM!


NOW THE SHERIFF WILL THINK WE'VE KILLED LEFTY!


CLOSE IN, BOYS! I DRILLED THE MASKED MAN!

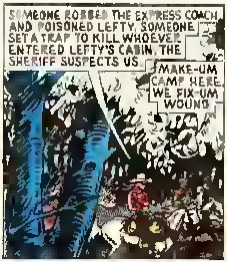

GET THE TWO OF THEM!
YOU HURT!

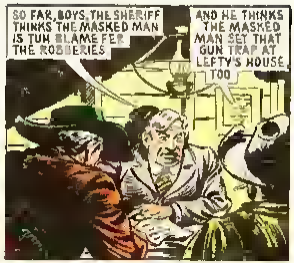

YER WASTIN' SHOTS! AIM CAREFUL.


INSIDE THE CABIN! SOMEONE THERE!
SEVERAL BULLETS STRIKE THE DOOR SWINGING IT INWARD

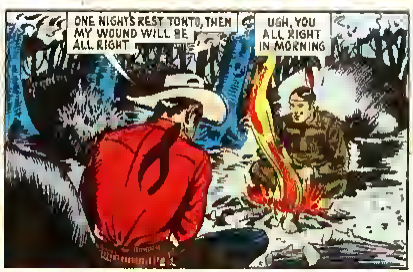

THIS WAS A TRAP SET HERE SHERIFF
ONE MORE MARK AGIN THE MASKED MAN

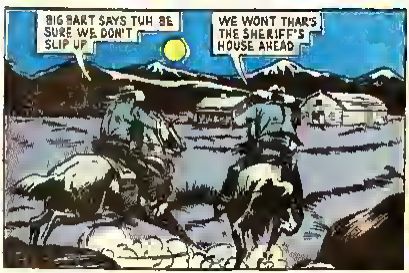

YOU GOT-UM WOUND
CAN'T LICK OUR WOUNDS TILL THE BATTLE'S OVER, TONTO. WE'VE GOT TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF UNTIL WE CAN LEARN THINGS!


SOMEONE ROBBED THE EXPRESS COACH AND POISONED LEFTY. SOMEONE SET A TRAP TO KILL WHOEVER ENTERED LEFTY'S CABIN. THE SHERIFF SUSPECTS US
MAKE-UM CAMP HERE. WE FIX-UM WOUND

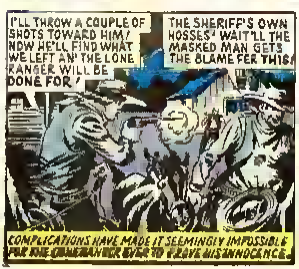

SO FAR, BOYS, THE SHERIFF THINKS THE MASKED MAN IS TUH BLAME FER THE ROBBERIES
AND HE THINKS THE MASKED MAN SET THAT GUN TRAP AT LEFTY'S HOUSE, TOO


WE'LL STAGE ONE MORE CRIME TUH MAKE DEAD SURE THE MASKED MAN AN THAT REDSKIN GET ALL THE BLAME. THE SHERIFF HIMSELF, IS GOIN TUH BE ROBBED!

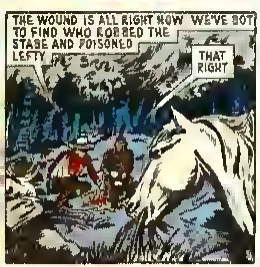

ONE NIGHT'S REST TONTO, THEN MY WOUND WILL BE ALL RIGHT
UGH, YOU ALL RIGHT IN MORNING


BIG BART SAYS TUH BE SURE WE DON'T SLIP UP
WE WONT THAR'S THE SHERIFF'S HOUSE AHEAD


I WINGED HIM, BUT HE GOT AWAY!..
HARK! SOMETHIN'S WRONG IN THE STABLE! THE HOSSES!


I'LL THROW A COUPLE OF SHOTS TOWARD HIM! NOW WE'LL FIND WHAT WE LEFT AN' THE LONE RANGER WILL BE DONE FOR!
THE SHERIFF'S OWN HOSSES! WAIT'LL THE MASKED MAN GETS THE BLAME FER THIS!
COMPLICATIONS HAVE MADE IT SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE LONE RANGER EVER TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE!


I LEFT A BLACK MASK THERE. THE SHERIFF'LL BE DEAD SURE THAT PARTICULAR HOMBRE STOLE THE HOSSES
NOW WE RUN 'EM OUT ON THE PLAINS AN TURN 'EM LOOSE

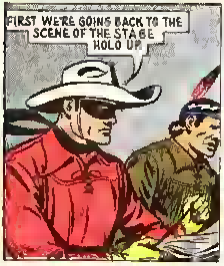

THE WOUND IS ALL RIGHT NOW. WE'VE GOT TO FIND WHO KORRED THE STABE AND POISONED LEFTY
THAT RIGHT

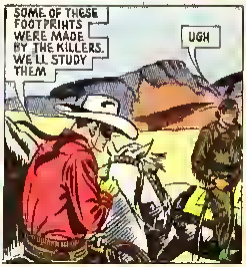

TONTO! THOSE LOOK LIKE THE SHERIFF'S HORSES! WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE ON THE PLAINS?
TONTO NOT KNOW-UM.
LOOK THERE! DEPUTY THAR'S THE MASKED MAN!
THIS TIME WE SHOOT FIRST! DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH HIM
HOLD YOUR FIRE SHERIFF
SHOOT AND YOU'LL DRILL YOUR OWN HORSES! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
I GOT ENOUGH AGAINST YUH TO HANG YUH!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE MISTAKEN SHERIFF. LEFTY WAS POISONED BY THE MEN WHO ROBBED THE STAGE AND STOLE YOUR HORSES
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YER TRICKS! WE'RE FIGHTIN IT TO A FINISH RIGHT NOW! IT'S YORE LIFE OR MINE!
I KNOW YER TOO SLICK FER ME TO TRY AN' TAKE YO JAIL. THAT'S WHY I'M CALLIN' ON YOU TUH DRAW AN' SHOOT IT OUT
THAT WON'T SETTLE ANYTHING, SHERIFF.
BIG BART IS BEHIND ALL THE ROBBERIES AROUND HERE. HE POISONED LEFTY BECAUSE LEFTY KNEW TOO MUCH
SMOOTH TALK WON'T GET YUH OUTEN THIS. DRAW AN FIGHT IT OUT!
BIG BART CLAIMS HE'S FOUND BURIED TREASURE ON HIS LAND, BUT THAT'S JUST TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS SUDDEN WEALTH!
BIG BART'S A FRIEND OF MINE! NOW DRAW AN' DEFEND YERSELF!
I WON'T DRAW ON YOU, SHERIFF. WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?
DRILL YUH!
WELL, SHERIFF, IF YOU THINK I'M A KILLER WHY DON'T YOU SHOOT?
DRAT IT, IF YOU WAS A KILLER, YOU'D HAVE DRAWN YER GUN!
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SHOOT I'M LEAVING!
BUT YOU--

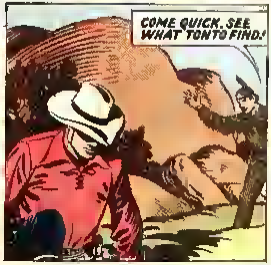

HI-YO, SILVER, AWAY-Y-Y


DEPUTY, I GOT HEW IDEAS ABOUT THAT HOMBRE AN I'M COUNTIN ON SOME ACTION AROUND HERE!
HANG IT, SHERIFF, YUH LET HIM GIT AWAY.


TONTO, WE MUST FIND SOME WAY TO CONVINCE THE SHERIFF THAT BIG BART IS THE LEADER OF A GANG OF CROOKS
HOW DO-UM THAT?


FIRST WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE SCENE OF THE STAGE HOLD UP.


SOME OF THESE FOOTPRINTS WERE MADE BY THE KILLERS. WE'LL STUDY THEM
UGH

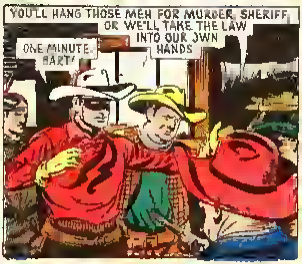

COME QUICK. SEE WHAT TONTO FIND!


THESE PRINT TELLUM PLENTY STRANGE STORY!
WHAT IS IT, TONTO?


SO THE SHERIFF LET THAT MASKED MAN GO FREE, BART
I'LL HAVE HIM PUT OUT OF OFFICE FOR THAT! I'VE GOT INFLUENCE AROUND HERE. COME ON WITH ME!

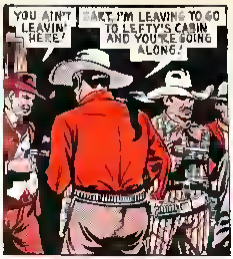

SHERIFF, WE WANT YOU TO GO WITH US TO LEFTY'S CABIN. MAYBE WE CAN PROVE A FEW POINTS THERE!
I'LL DO IT, STRANGER!


BIG BART
RIGHT! AND WE'RE HERE TO SEE THAT THOSE TWO HANG

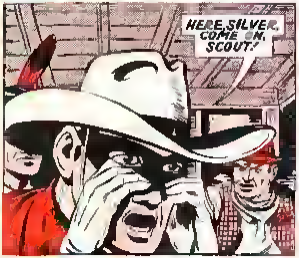

YOU'LL HANG THOSE MEN FOR MURDER, SHERIFF, OR WE'LL TAKE THE LAW INTO OUR OWN HANDS
ONE MINUTE, BART!


YOU CLAIM TO HAVE FOUND GOLD BURIED ON YOUR LAND
WHAT OF IT?


SUPPOSE YOU FOUND THE OWNER OF THE GOLD, WOULD YOU RETURN IT?
SURE, BUT IT'S LIKELY BEEN BURIED FOR YEARS. THE REAL OWNER CAN'T BE FOUND.


YOU AIN'T LEAVIN' HERE!
BART, I'M LEAVING TO GO TO LEFTY'S CABIN AND YOU'RE GOING ALONG!

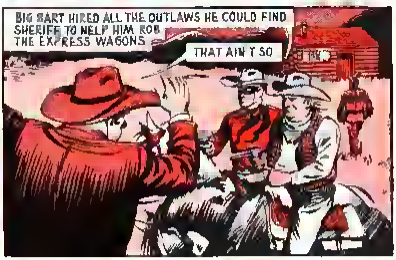

IF YOU'LL FOLLOW ME –
NO, YUH DON'T! THIS IS JUST A TRICK IF YOURS TO ESCAPE HANGIN'!


HERE, SILVER, COME ON, SCOUT!


THAT DEVIL, HOSS!
GET TO YOUR FEET. YOU'RE GOING WITH US!


BART, YOU HANDLED THINGS PRETTY NEATLY, BUT YOU MADE ONE BIG MISTAKE THAT'S GOING TO HANG YOU.
I'M AN HONEST RANCHER! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'LL HANG!


WE'LL STOP AT LEFTY'S CABIN FIRST. GO ON INSIDE, TONTO, AND GET THE EVIDENCE THAT'S GOING TO SMASH THIS BAND.


BIG BART HIRED ALL THE OUTLAWS HE COULD FIND SHERIFF TO HELP HIM ROB THE EXPRESS WAGONS.
THAT AIN'T SO.


HE WANTED SOMEONE ELSE TO BE BLAMED FOR THE ROBBERIES, SO HE PICKED POOR LEFTY. HE FIXED A GUNTRAP IN LEFTY'S HOUSE TO KILL LEFTY IF THE POISON FAILED.
I THOUGHT YOU FIXED THE GUN TRAP.
IT AIN'T TRUE. MY MEN DIDN'T FIX THE GUN TRAP. WE NEVER WENT INSIDE LEFTY'S CABIN.
BART STARTED THE STORY ABOUT BURIED TREASURE ON HIS LAND, SO HE COULD ACCOUNT FOR HIS SUDDEN WEALTH.
HERE COMES TONTO WITH THE EVIDENCE. NOW WATCH, SHERIFF!
YOU'LL FIND TRACKS AT THE SCENE OF THE ROBBERY, SHERIFF. SOME OF THEM MADE BY LEFTY, WHO WORE EXTRA LARGE SIZE BOOTS, LIKE THESE.
YERE?
YOU'LL NOTICE THAT WHEN LEFTY WORE THE BOOTS, HE TOOK LONG STRIDES. BUT THERE ARE OTHER TRACKS, MADE BY THE SAME SIZE BOOTS.
SOMEONE WHO TOOK SHORT STRIDES WORE AN EXTRA PAIR OF LEFTY'S BOOTS TO PUT THE BLAME ON LEFTY.
WE FIGURED YOU AS THE KILLER AN' ROBBER. SEEIN' YOU AT THE SCENE, WE DIDN'T STOP TUH HUNT TRACKS.
GIT READY, WE'VE GOT TUH KILL THAT MASKED MAN BEFORE HE SAYS MORE!
THIS BOOT WAS AN OLD ONE, AND IT LEAKED WATER. NOW WATCH!
I SUSPECTED THE TRUTH AND LOOKED AT THIS BOOT BEFORE I CUT IT APART HERE AT THE SEAM. NOW TAKE A LOOK AT THE SOLE!
THE KILLER WHO WORE THIS BOOT, LEFT THE PRINT OF HIS STOCKINGED FOOT IN THE MUD THAT LEAKED INSIDE!
BLAST YER HIDE, IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU—
HOLD HIM, TONTO!
ME GOT-UM.
HE'S PROVED HIS POINT, BART! I'D NEVER HAVE SUSPECTED YOU!
WE WAS FOOLS, SHERIFF. TUH SUSPECT THE LONE RANGER IN THE FIRST PLACE! IF IT WASN'T FER HIM, BART AN' HIS GANG WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN TRAPPED!